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SPACE CENTRE, Houston (UPI)—Apollo 8's three astronauts, in a dramatic Christmas Eve broadcast from the "vast loneliness" of moon orbit, recited the ancient biblical story of creation Tuesday night as their spacecraft floated over the dead lunar landscape.

Then, after 10 orbits around the moon that climaxed mankind's greatest voyage, Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders blasted safely away and began the three-day journey back to earth—a "grand oasis in the vastness of space."

The "burn" to go back toward Earth occurred at 10:10 p.m. and the astronauts reported all was well 15 minutes later.

"Please be informed there is a Santa Claus" Lovell's cheery voice came down to Earth a few minutes after Apollo 8 fired its rocket engine, pulled out of moon orbit and headed 230,000 miles back to earth.

"And God created the heavens and the earth . . ." Anders earlier intoned from the Old Testament book of Genesis while the world watched the gold, harsh landscape of the moon's Sea of Tranquility moving under the spacecraft window.

Then his fellow astronauts took up the recitation.

"Good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas and God bless all of you, all of you upon the good earth," closed Borman. A short while later, at 8:55 p.m. PST, the astronauts were given a "go" to blast away from the moon and return to the Earth they called an "oasis" compared to the nightmare terrain of the moon.

The critical firing of the spaceship's main rocket was to kick them back toward a splashdown Friday in the Pacific.

The astronauts of Apollo 8, broadcast for half an hour on Christmas Eve, from 69 miles above the ugly surface of the moon, 230,000 miles from a re-joining Earth.

"The moon is a different thing to each of us," mused the deeply religious Borman, who earlier broadcast a prayer "for all the world" that the day of peace might soon come.

"I think that each one carries his own impression of what he's seen today," said Borman. "I know my own impression is that it's a vast, lonely, forbidding . . . expanse of nothing."

"It certainly would not appear to be a very inviting place to live or work," he said.

Lovell said his thoughts were similar, "on the vast loneliness up here on the moon. It's awe-inspiring. It makes you realize just how much you have back there on earth."

"The Earth from here is a grand oasis in the vastness of space," said Lovell, who has more hours in space than any other man.

Anders said the lunar sunrises and sunsets impressed him most, for they "bring out the stark nature of the terrain." Then the crew went into minute description of the moon's surface, only partially visible on television screens on Earth.

Almost without warning at the end of the broadcast, Borman said "Apollo 8 has a message for you."

" . . . In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth, and the earth was without light," came Anders' voice. Through the window, bathed in harsh sunlight, the moon slowly moved by.

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Genesis From Space

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (AP)—Here is the text of the Bible reading, the first 10 verses of Genesis, read by the three Apollo 8 astronauts in lunar orbit:

Air Force Maj. William A. Anders: "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said 'Let there be light.' And there was light. And God saw the light, and it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness."

Navy Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr.: "And God called the light day. And the darkness He called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said 'Let there be a firmament' and God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

Air Force Col. Frank Borman: "And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place. And let the dry land appear. And it was so. And God called the dry land earth. And the gathering together of the waters called He seas. And God saw that it was good.'"

Then Borman concluded the Christmas Eve telecast by saying: "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you, all of you on the good earth."

Quiet Overtime Strains Experts

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (UPI)—The tension was so thick it was almost solid during the agonizing 5 minutes 38 seconds between the time Apollo 8's radio beam came from behind the moon and the first time the homeward-bound astronauts spoke their first words today.

Flight controllers strained to their consoles in the Houston mission control centre. Five men clustered around the medical console where the heartbeats of astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders would first show up.

The three-minute rocket firing to leave lunar orbit and start back home was the most critical point of the flight. If the engine had not worked, the astronauts would have

been stranded at the moon facing certain death.

Ground controllers picked up Apollo 8's radio signal on schedule after the burn, at 10:20 p.m. PST, but the signal only told them the spacecraft had come from behind the moon. They got no word about the engine firing.

But for five minutes after some word should have been received, all that came over the 230,000 miles between earth and the moon was harsh static. Repeated calls to the moonship went unanswered. Then came the cheery voice of Lovell:

"Apollo 8, over. Roger, please be informed there is a Santa Claus."

Capsule communicator Tom Mattingly on the ground replied: "You're the best ones to know."

45 Aboard

18 Spared In Crash Of Plane

BRADFORD, Pa. (AP)—An Allegheny Airlines propjet with 45 persons aboard crashed into a hilly and heavily wooded area Tuesday night while trying to land at Bradford Regional Airport.

Rescuers said 18 persons survived the crash, but the fate of the others was not known. Jim Long, first assistant chief of the Bradford fire department and in touch with the rescue team, said people were trapped in the twisted wreckage.

He said metal cutting equipment and blankets were being rushed to the scene, just a few miles south of the New York state line in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The plane plowed into the heavy woods then flipped on its back.

SURVIVORS' BONFIRE

There were first reports that the craft had caught fire, but rescuers on the scene said the fire was a bonfire lit by the survivors to help guide rescue workers to the downed craft.

The plane was spotted from the air by the pilot of another Allegheny Airlines craft that was landing at the airport. The craft, en route to Bradford from Cleveland, landed the fire report to the tower.

Of the 18 people in hospital, one was in serious condition at Bradford Hospital. The others were reported in good condition.

That's The Ticket

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The poor of Rome received an unusual Christmas present from Pope Paul Tuesday when he announced the church would redeem all the clothing and blankets the needy had pawned during the year.

Vatican officials said that the pontiff had ordered that the cost of the items pawned this year be paid by the church.

Spokesmen made the announcement after the pawnshops had closed for the day, so as to preclude a rush to pawn more goods.

Navy Zips Lips on Captivity

Pueblo Families: 'Glorious' Reunion

● North Korean aim: embarrass United States. Page 8.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The crew of the Pueblo came home from imprisonment in North Korea this Christmas Eve to a tears-and-joy reunion with loved ones who awaited them 11 agonizing months.

The 82 officers and men of the captured intelligence ship—victims of terror and beatings, their skipper said—poured from two big Air Force jets at Miramar Naval Air Station and were overwhelmed with affection by about 170 wives, children and parents.

The ship's officers were cautioned not to discuss the Pueblo's capture.

Newsman were kept at a distance and not allowed to interview individual crewmen.

The Pueblo's captain, Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher, 41, thanked



MRS. RONALD REGAN, wife of California governor, looks on during welcoming ceremony for Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher and his crew of Pueblo on arrival at San Diego.—(AP)

everyone for a "glorious homecoming ceremony."

His executive officer, Lt. Edward R. Murphy of San Diego, said the men "came out of this thing with amazing morale," and gave a description of daily life in North Korea.

There was no large scale recounting of adventures and experiences.

Rear Adm. Edwin M. Rosenberg, in charge of returning the crew to the United States, told a news conference the crew would have to answer questions about the capture and their detention before an official board of inquiry and "they should not be put on trial here."

He cautioned Murphy several times not to go into detail about the capture or details of captivity.

Earlier at the airport, Bucher was interrupted

quietly several times by Vice Adm. Allen M. Shinn, commander of the Pacific Fleet Naval Air Force. Persons standing close to the speaker's stand said Shinn urged Bucher to skip details of the ship's capture.

President Johnson, mean-

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There will be no editions of The Colonist either Thursday or Friday mornings as the staff observes Christmas Day and Boxing Day holidays. The next edition will be Saturday morning.

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Christmas Rings Bells for Many

CHRISTMAS IS...
A BIRTHDAY, first and foremost and I think the world would be in better shape if more people got back to this realization...

A TIME to forget past differences, past petty annoyances and to put real emphasis on the good will toward man bit...

FOR children and to be for children, it means parents should subjugate their own fun and frolic for at least one day in the year. In other words, keep the cork in the bottle, for nothing can dampen a child's happiness more than to see either or both parents in a state of alcoholic stupor...

A TIME of crass commercialism that we've all had a hand in fostering. Don't put all the blame on the merchants, because without your tacit buying approval, the commercialism aspect would quickly fade away...

THE still, beautiful early morning moment when youngsters, their eyes ringed with sleep and bugged with anticipation, burst into the living room to savor the sight of the Christmas tree laden with presents. Tell me this doesn't bring a lump to your throat and I'll tell you you're playing fast and loose with the truth...

THE always-beautiful, always-nostalgic rendition of White Christmas by Harry Lilks Crosby, or the softly magnificent tones of the Harry Belafonte Christmas album...

AS EVER, the magic odors of turkey, mince-meat pie and

GORDE HUNTER Reports

all the other special delights that wait their way from the kitchen and that permeate every inch of the home. It's a meal unlike any other meal of the year and one on which we've all built many memories...

UNFORTUNATELY the hypocrisy of war. The warring factions call a 48-hour truce, all is sweetness and light and then, back to the killing and maiming. As one little girl said, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could celebrate Christmas 365 days a year and maybe the soldiers would stop fighting altogether." Maybe, but I wouldn't wager on it...

THE brilliance, the beauty of the outdoor lights on homes. A work of love on the part of most people and they give untold hours of happy viewing to thousands of other Victorians. Kudos to people like Joe E. and Betty B. for their efforts, but whatever became of the beautiful candy cane lane theme on Westdowne? We missed it this year...

THE always-enjoyable long distance phone call to or from loved ones. Long distance has become commonplace in to-

day's world, but never on Christmas day. It's still something special.

NOT, I repeat, not, a day made more enjoyable by snow or frosty cold. Let me have my green Christmas — I've experienced many of the others and I like ours better. Pray tell me what's so special about tramping about on your Christmas calls in 30-below weather? You like this and I have to have doubts about your mental processes...

THE thoughtfulness of those who spend time looking for beautiful cards to send out. No, I don't think the sending of cards is a waste of time or money. It's still one of the small amenities of life, one of the little joys we should all hold dear...

ALSO a time of great loneliness for the aged and the poor. It's sad, but true, that many of our senior citizens find it the loneliest day of the year and for the poor, especially the proud ones who want no part of charity, a not so joyous time. Reminds me of the saying, "Too poor to paint, too proud to whitewash..."

THE utter confusion of piles of wrappings scattered across the living room and of the quiet peace of the evening when the little ones are finally tucked away, the visions of sugar plums still dancing in their heads...

THE time for me to wish everyone the happiest, merriest Christmas and to hope the troubles of the world can somehow or other be at least partially resolved before another such birthday rolls around.

Apollo Heads Home

From Page 1

As the spacecraft neared the "terminator" — the edge of night on the lunar surface — the shadows of its vast craters lengthened and became clearer over television.

The crew of Apollo 8 did not appear on the program, but showed no audible sign of the exhaustion that overtook them during the frantic hours after they reached moon orbit early Tuesday.

About 3:45 P.M. PST, Borman radioed Earth that "we're scrubbing everything. I'll stay up and keep the spacecraft vertical but I want Jim and Bill to get some sleep."

NEARLY PERFECT
Moments later, he advised that "Lovell is already snoring."

The cancellation of many experiments in the final hours brought no dismay at mission control, where program official George Low said "we've gotten as close to 100 per cent of the data as we could expect to get."

Lovell was the hero of the day. His navigation and lunar landmark tracking experiments were a key portion of the historic mission and space agency spokesman Paul Hanes said his work was "tremendous stuff."

"He has really just made a tremendous difference today," said Hanes. "This was really what the mission was all about."

ENDLESS LIST

Borman, Lovell and Anders on Christmas Eve became the greatest explorers in the history of mankind. Their list of firsts was virtually endless.

They were the first men to leave the gravity of Earth and come under the pull of the moon; the first men to see the back side of the moon and view at first hand the surface of an alien world; the fastest men in the world — at nearly 25,000 miles an hour — and the farthest travelled.

Their mission paved the way for another team of Americans to land on the moon — perhaps by spring. Confirming a land site picked up on the eastern edge of the moon was one of Lovell's chief jobs — and he reported the spot appeared to be "a winner."

LIKE SANDPILE
There was no place to land on the back side, the astronauts reported. "The back side looks like a sandpile my kids had been playing in a long time," said Anders. "It's all beat up."

The crew of Apollo 8 had only 10 minutes of sleep — enforced in several instances by sleeping pills — during the outward leg of their six-day voyage. They worked constantly during the first six of their moon orbits, Anders taking pictures, Lovell making his experiments and Borman handling the ship.

Virtually the only non-technical discussion they made was when Borman announced earlier on Christmas Eve that he wanted to relay a prayer to "St. Christopher's Church and to all the people of the world."

"I was supposed to lay read tonight" at his Episcopal church near the space centre, Borman said apologetically, "and I couldn't quite make it."

"Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure," he prayed, his voice cutting through 230,000 miles of space.

"Give us the faith to trust Thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may

continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen."

MOST MOVING
But the Christmas Eve "services" were the most moving moments in the astronauts' incredible journey.

The telecast began with a blurry view over the moon's horizon with earth a tiny, vague ball above it.

Rum-Flavored Sauce Day's Only Letdown

VANCOUVER CP — Christmas behind bars for the 3,400 prisoners in federal and provincial jails in British Columbia will be a time of good food and good cheer.

All convicts will be sitting down to a turkey dinner today complete with all the trimmings. And as a special treat inmates of the B.C. Penitentiary were given hamburgers and coffee Christmas Eve.

No beer bottles will be popping in prison — the nearest inmates will get to a Christmas drink will be artificial rum-flavored

sauce with their plum pudding. Inmates and staff will sit down together to Christmas dinner at the provincial New Haven institution.

The staff prepare the meal, serve it and also roll up their sleeves to do the washing-up. Prisoners at Matsqui who are normally up at 7 a.m. each day were being allowed to sleep in today.

They will also be shown a feature-length movie later today and another on Boxing Day. Special holiday visiting privileges are in effect at all provincial jails.

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Your Good Health

Arctic Aneurysm Correction Depends on Age, Condition

By G. T. THORSTESON, MD

Dear Dr. Thorsteson: My father just had an extensive examination and was told that he had an aneurysm of the aorta. He is 81 and they told him he would be able to have an operation and that his condition warrants it.

The aneurysm is egg-size now and perhaps it wouldn't give him any trouble for his remaining years if he decides not to have it removed. He is very upset about this and I thought you might give some advice that would relieve his mind and ours. — Mrs. L.M.

An aortic aneurysm these days can be removed. An aneurysm is a weak bulging place in a blood vessel. When it is an aortic aneurysm, that means the weak place is in the aorta, the large main artery leading from the heart.

The aorta is as long as well as

a large artery, extending just about the whole length of the trunk of the body. Location of the aneurysm is of some consequence when the decision is made whether to operate.

Other factors to be considered are the patient's age, his physical condition, the size and sometimes the type of the aneurysm.

Your father's doctor and the surgeon, have examined him, are in the best position to evaluate these factors. He must be in pretty good general condition for his age or they would not have advised surgery.

Your phrase that they say his condition "warrants" operating can have a double meaning: first, that he is in condition to have the surgery; second, that there is need for the surgery.

When you say that the aneurysm is the size of an egg, that means that the artery has bulged rather considerably. Theis

sheer size can be, or potentially may become, a problem by exerting pressure on other tissues, nerves, or organs. But there is also the question of whether the bulge has become so large that it has reached the bursting point.

If that should happen, it will be too late for surgery.

While your father quite understandably does not look forward to surgery with any great enthusiasm, he must regard it as precaution to forestall what might happen.

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Note to B.J.: Detached retina — the retina of the eyes, on which the image is formed by light reaching the eye — is not caused by eyestrain. A heavy blow on the head sometimes is involved in the retina loosening. Doubtless there are other causes involved but the matter is not thoroughly understood.

The Weather

DEC. 25, 1968

Mainly cloudy with a few showers. Winds light; Tuesday's precipitation .35 inch; sunshine 13 minutes; recorded high and low at Victoria 47 and 45. Today's forecast high and low 42 and 38. Today's sunrise 8:06 a.m., sunset 4:23 p.m.; moonrise 11:38 a.m., moonset 10:47 p.m.

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Mainly cloudy with a few showers of rain or wet snow. Little change in temperature. Winds light; Tuesday's precipitation .64 inch; recorded high and low at Nanaimo 43 and 32. Today's forecast high and low 40 and 32.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Mainly cloudy with a few showers of rain or wet snow. Colder. Winds light. Fore-

cast high and low at Tofino 42 and 38.
North Coast — Gale warning continues for Mainland areas. Cloudy, snowflurries clearing in afternoon. Not much change in temperature. Thursday outlook sunny, some clouds, cooler.

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Houston technician holds duplicate of Apollo TV camera

'Historic Moment for Human Race

World Gasps in Admiration

LONDON (AP)—Many Europeans caught their breath with relief and admiration Tuesday at the news that America's astronauts were making rings around the moon.

Kenneth Gatland, vice-president of the British Interplanetary Society, hailed "the brave Columboes of space." Their feat, he said, had "shrunk the earth—the cradle of humanity—to the proportions of a compact sphere against the stars."

DOUBTS GONE

Sir Bernard Lovell, the astronomer who had expressed doubts about the Apollo project before it began, seemed increasingly enthusiastic with its success.

"Viewing the moon from only 70 miles away must be regarded as one of the historic moments in the development of the human race," he said from his Jodrell Bank Observatory.

The interest in Hungary was described as unprecedented, and television have been interrupted for days past to give bulletins about Apollo 8's progress. In Budapest people talked of little else on trains and buses.

DAILY REPORTS

In Communist Cuba, Havana newspapers carried daily reports of the mission under two- and three-column headlines.

In Rome the moon orbit pushed Pope Paul VI almost completely off the front page of the Vatican daily, L'Osservatore Romano. News about his Christmas trip to Taranto went to an inside page.

"This event must change our daily lives," said an Italian in Rome. "How can we go on living in the usual, small, narrow ways after something like this? The universe is open to us now. It must affect how we live."

'FAR AHEAD'

In Moscow an office worker said: "We feel that America is far ahead of us in the space race now. We admire the courage of the astronauts. We hope they will have a safe return."

But an older Muscovite grumbled: "Why go to the moon? We have enough problems here on earth."

Heinz Kaminski, chief of West Germany's Bochum Institute for Satellite and Space Research, called the television transmissions "one of man's starlight hours."

'CLIMAX'

"The pictures presented a climax in the development of engineering and science since the very beginnings of man," Kaminski said.

Klaus Lenhart, spokesman for the European Space Research Organization at Darmstadt,

Germany, called the transmission from the moon "a splendid field of manned space flight, nothing." The Apollo project had said.

Wishing You the Season's Best!

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Future Touchdown Eyed by Apollo

Landing Spot Looks Good

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (UPI)—Apollo 8 navigator James Lovell flashed the word back to earthlings Tuesday that the backside of the moon looks like a hostile place to land, but that the prime Apollo landing zone on the right-hand edge of the moon's face appears "a winner."

"The back side looks like a sand pile my kids have been

playing in for a long time," lunar photographer William Anders added. "It's all beat up, no definition, just a lot of bumps and holes."

The site on the eastern edge of the moon—most promising of five selected as potential places for two American astronauts to touch down next year—is in the right-hand side of the sea of tranquility. It is called "II-P-2."

Apollo 8's launching was timed so the sun would hit this relatively smooth place on the moon's face at about the same shallow angle necessary for a landing mission, casting strong shadows from each rock and crater.

This landing site will be the best-photographed of the five after Apollo 8 comes home, the only one with its entire approach path recorded on both color and black-and-white film to train a landing crew. It most likely will be the first target of the landing mission.

Third Dimension View

Unromantic Moon Like Dirty Beach

From UPI Reports
The moon, an attraction for poets and lovers for centuries, is actually an unromantic, crater-marked sphere about the texture of plaster of Paris and the color of dirty beach sand.

"It's essentially grey, no color," radioed astronaut James Lovell.

The Apollo 8 crew's description provided new ammunition to the argument that man can play a key role in the exploration of the solar system.

"They have demonstrated their ability to observe from the spacecraft to a degree I think surprised most of us," said John Dietrich, a geologist at the manned spacecraft centre.

Some scientists had suggested that robot spacecraft equipped with special cameras and sensors could do the same job at far less cost and risk.

Dietrich said that crater terraces have been seen in unmanned Lunar Orbiter

spacecraft circling the moon. But, he said, "photographs capture a view from an instantaneous position, whereas the astronauts were able to observe much more as the scene moved under them."

"You can tell much more about the third dimension by seeing a moving scene," he added. Also, he said, the pilots can point their cameras at anything of added interest that they spot with their bare eyes.

Space agency officials said they plan to make improvements in caulking materials around the portholes of future spacecraft. The astronauts have been bothered by fogged-up windows since shortly after blastoff.

From London, Britain's Flat Earth Society acknowledged that after looking at pictures of earth relayed by the astronauts, they must take another look at things.

In Chicago, a chain liquor outlet telegraphed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, requesting the first liquor licence on the moon.

The astronauts' wives reacted in different ways after watching their husbands beam back a telecast of the moon's surface.

Valerie Anders talked about landing a man on the moon, Susan Borman had her hair fixed and Marilyn Lovell took a nap.

Gold Miners Die in Fall

JOHANNESBURG (AFP)—Two African miners were killed and 50 injured following a pressure burst at Western Gold Mine near this South African city. A pressure burst is when the face of the rock wall falls inward.

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Heavy duty leather uppers with tough duracork composition soles and heels. Sizes 6 to 10. 15 pair only, and no more available at this clearance price. Regular 10.95 **7.99**

The Nativity

"And there were in the same country shep-
herds abiding in the field, keeping watch over
their flocks by night."

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon
them, and the glory of the Lord shone round
about them; and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not:
for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great
joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day, in the city
of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye
shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling
clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising God,
and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were
gone away from them into heaven, the shep-
herds said one to another, Let us now go even
unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has
come to pass, which the Lord hath made
known to us."

"And they came with haste, and found
Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a
manger."

"And when they had seen it, they made
known abroad the saying which was told
them concerning this child."

"And all they that heard it wondered at
those things which were told them by the
shepherds."

St. Luke 2:8-18

A Brighter Day

THIS DAY WILL be much brighter and warmer in
many Greater Victoria homes for the generosity
of citizens who contributed to the Colonist's 500 Fund.
It will be brighter and warmer not only for the 509
families who received cheques—the 500 originally
selected as being the most in want, plus nine additional
families later found to be in very great need. The
donors too should feel the glow of satisfaction, and of
their own goodwill.

Never before has the 500 Fund drawn such a great
response. Last year the fund set a record at slightly
more than \$17,000. This year, when the time came to
start the cheques on their way, it had reached more
than \$24,000. As a consequence, the cheques were for
\$49 each, enough to make a decided difference in
homes where without this generous help, today would
have been a bleak and cheerless Christmas.

Long after the official deadline, in fact even
yesterday, contributions continued to arrive. The
givers may reflect that if they are late, they are also a
year early, for these donations will found the 1969
fund.

To all the donors, the Colonist expresses its
gratitude on behalf of the recipients. Special thanks
also go to the Victoria postmaster and his staff for
their quick distribution of the cheques; to the
Christmas Bureau, the Community Chest Agency
which selects the families to be helped; Avis Rent-a-
Car on Douglas Street, who received downtown
donations, and to staff members of the Colonist and
Victoria Press who gave of their time and energy to
make the fund this year such a remarkable success.

Plea for Caution

PERHAPS TRAFFIC Inspector Richard Berry didn't
coin the phrase, but borrowed or original it is
appropriate advice at this time. "Ease up on the
throttle, ease up on the bottle," he admonishes drivers,
to make it a happier holiday period for everyone.

Caution should be the first concern of every
person who gets behind the wheel, and the sad record
of fatalities for the month should serve as a reminder.
If that is not enough, the Canada Safety Council
gloomily predicts that in the Christmas holiday period
ending Thursday night probably 35 persons will die in
traffic accidents.

In the four-day holiday periods of 1966 and 1967
when Christmas and weekend holidays coincided, 86
and 85 deaths were recorded. It is on this basis the
council makes its forecast.

But hopefully there are some who believe that
driver education and the emphasis on defensive
driving, at least in some localities, has had the effect
desired. People are generally more cautious, more
courteous and considerate particularly in holiday
traffic. There are still plenty of exceptions, goodness
knows, but they are of the declining minority.

It would be gratifying if the people of Greater
Victoria conducted themselves in this season so that
they make no contribution to the predicted total of
disaster across the country.

Hansard Tibbitts

Dear Eric...

MR. HEATH MACQUARRIE (Hillsborough): My
question is for the postmaster general. In the
light of the sharp decrease across the country in the
mailing of Christmas cards under the five cent postage
rate, which might be an illustration of the law of
diminishing returns, is the minister now reappraising
the value of this postal rate hike in pursuit of a
balanced post office budget?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): Mr.
Speaker, I too receive Christmas cards. Last night I
received one which said, "Dear Eric: I think of you
with every Christmas card I write..."



The Malahat

Nature's Decoration

—Photograph by Jull Porter

Sixty Years Ago

Memories of a Victoria Christmas

By AINSIE HELMCKEN

OUTSIDE the wind is scream-
ing angry. The air is damp
with the salt spray from the
roaring, foaming waves of the Strait. Those last, forlorn look-
ing leaves, which continued to
cling to the seeming security of
the mother oak tree, have all
disappeared and those which
lurked beneath the hedges will
tomorrow be neatly distributed
to the next door lawns.

It was just such a day as this
on December 25, 1908, in
Victoria. There are still some of
us who remember vividly the
terrible storm which was visited
on us that day.

The possibility that Santa
Claus could be delayed by the
fury of the storm was dispelled
by the assurances of my brother
and sisters.

As the youngest member of
the family, but not as yet
separated from the belief in St.
Nicholas, the thundering sound
of the wind against the third-
floor window sent shivers of
fear up and down my spine.

Could our nocturnal visitor
brave the elements or would he
be blown off his course? Maybe
just as he was about to come
down our very own chimney?

For these, and other reasons,
it seemed wise to walk down
one floor. The proximity to Dad
and Mother's room seemed to
calm the fears — and possibly if
we made enough noise we might
get into the room a little
earlier.

So, wrapped in real eiderdown
quilts, and camped on the
doorstep of our parents' room
— we waited, and waited.

Poor Dad: He always left his
Christmas shopping until
Christmas Eve; in fact several
of the merchants didn't close
their stores until Dr. Jim had
finished his gift buying. He
would come home periodically,
with his arms laden with
parcels from Alfons Campbell's,
Challoner and Mitchell, Mor-
rison's Drug Store, not realizing
that we could keep tab on his
movements by craning our
necks out of the window.

Something tells me that we
only thought we were fooling
him. How did that Irish Cocker
get into the house without me
seeing it?

Well, anyway, the door usu-
ally opened at seven o'clock and
there is little need to speculate
on who the first child might be
to enter the room. How did so
many loving people know just
what I wanted?

The usual order of Christmas
Day meant attendance at the
beautiful little Church of Our
Lord, which was decorated with
evergreens and paper flowers.
On the sloping sill of each
window, in cotton wool against a
red background, the assuring
words of the Nativity. "For unto
us a Child is born," were placed
consecutively so that by looking
out the many windows the
whole story could be read.

Christmas music in the
Church of Our Lord was beau-
tifully sung by the choir. Such
well known people of the world
of music in Victoria: Steven
Wootton, T. H. Laundry, Miss
Hattie Newberry, Mrs. Richard
Jones (my aunt) and of course
the star was our beloved
mother. These were but a few
of the choir.

During that memorable day
the damage done by the storm
was very great. The most
spectacular event was the com-
plete tearing off, from the roof
of the Drilard Hotel (now the
southeast corner of View and

Broad Streets), of a very large
electrical sign which was de-
posited on the roof of Camp-
bell's Drug Store at the north-
west corner of Fort and Doug-
lass. That was a very large sign,
for those days at least, and
made from heavy sheet metal.

On the roof of the Post Office
building (where the Customs
House is now) the Meteorologi-
cal Bureau held forth. Mr.
Baynes-Reed the superintendent
with his assistant Mr. Napier
Denison. All their weather
equipment was blown away. A
large flagpole in front of R. P.
Ridder & Co. premises on Wharf
Street was blown down.

Telephone lines were out and
500 telephones were quiet.

This night, as was a family
custom, we were invited to
grandfather's for dinner. This
day is known as Helmschen
House, and is still on Elliott
Street, or rather what Little
Normally we would have
walked across the Causeway but
in this storm we went by hack,
and I don't think the poor old
horse was too happy about the
whole deal.

Inside that wonderfully hospi-
table home, the ravages of the
elements were soon forgotten.
We were a large family

anyway, but grandfather al-
ways had some near relatives
(the shirt-tail type, we called
them) and family friends for
the festivities. This meant two
sittings for dinner, and, guess
who got the parson's nose at the
second sitting?

Dinner over, the Christmas
tree was brought in and gifts
distributed. Next order of busi-
ness was music. Into the living
room went those who played the
piano or sang. Aunt Dollie
Higgins and mother playing
duets and making the piano
jump off the floor. At some part
of this entertainment the dear
old gentleman, the Old Doctor,
then aged about 85 years, would
come and sing his song, "Uncle
Ned," and my father sang "I'll
Take You Home Again
Kathleen."

That was far from all the
entertainment. While the music
went on, the older boys pre-
pared the dining room for
dancing.

It wasn't anything like the
bungalow of this day, I'll hasten
to assure you, but it was the
liveliest lancers and Sir Roger
de Coverley in Victoria. Aunt
Aimie McTavish played for the
dancing and she seemed never
to tire.

We were a large family

I Beg to Differ...

Toys in Flat Packages

By FRANK LOWE

AT this time of year people
go around and say, "Chris-
mas isn't the same after your
children grow up."

And I agree. Now that my
child is an apprentice adult I
may be able to get right
through this Christmas season
without shedding any ap-
preciable amount of blood.

Now that my child has
outgrown the toy stage, I have a
chance of being able to eat my
Christmas dinner unaided.

In previous years, when she
was a kid, I often had to be
practically spoon fed because
my hands and fingers were too
mutilated to use.

Why? Because toy manu-
facturers decided that it would
be simpler to sell toys in flat
packages. In these packages
were directions supposedly to
tell Dad how to put the toys
together on Christmas Eve.

The carnage was something to
contemplate.

My first encounter with
modern toy packaging came
when I bought my daughter a
big, tin doll house.

My engineer friend was kneel-
ing on the floor saying to his
wife, "But I tell you it doesn't
fit — the lousy thing doesn't
fit."

I took another look. My
engineer friend was trying to
put together a sidewalk bike for
his daughter.

I didn't disturb him. Instead,
I quietly left the house, got into
my car and drove to a small
neighborhood store where side-
walk bikes were sold all in one
piece.

thing the doll house is red — it
won't show the blood."

After the second hour of
trying, I said: "3/4%." My wife
said: "I thought Santa Claus
always said 'Ho Ho Ho.'"

That was one of the best
Christmas Eve fights we ever
had, and I would have won
except at that point I was weak
from my loss of blood.

The next year, my hands
having healed and my thinking
in its usual woolly state, I
bought a sidewalk bike for
my darling.

It arrived in an even smaller
package. But, in addition to
wheels and bits of pipe and the
inevitable chart of instructions,
it contained a wrench.

With the chart, the wrench
and a few days any first class
engineer should have been able
to put that thing together. So,
blessed with a flash of lucidity,
I took the bundle to a first class
engineer who lived next door.

When I arrived I stepped into
a touching Christmas tableau.
My engineer friend was kneel-
ing on the floor saying to his
wife, "But I tell you it doesn't
fit — the lousy thing doesn't
fit."

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engineer friend was trying to
put together a sidewalk bike for
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my car and drove to a small
neighborhood store where side-
walk bikes were sold all in one
piece.

It was expensive, but think of
the saving in doctor bills.

So it went through the happy,
childhood Christmas. Every-
thing for my daughter came in
flat, small packages.

It got to the point where a
few of us formed a Christmas
Syndicate. We jointly hired a
first-rate mechanic — paying
him double time for overtime —
to visit our homes in the
evenings just prior to Christmas
so the toys would be in
reasonably workable shape on
Christmas morn.

But occasionally even he was
stumped. A neighbor ordered a
toy racing car for his son, the
kind the kid can sit in, and
eventually our mechanic con-
fessed that he couldn't put it
together.

It is an unenvying thing to
watch a highly skilled pro-
fessional cry.

Why this sadistic trend sweep
the toy field I was never able
to find out. The dealers, at least
the ones I knew, seemed like
nice people with no discernible
grudge against mankind.

Yet deep down inside every
toy manufacturer and dealer, I
am now convinced, lurks a
Frankenstein which breaks out
each Christmas season, to
maim and cut the fathers whose
only crime is to have children in
the pre-teen group.

But, as I said, all that is
behind me now. My daughter is
past the toy stage and from this
Christmas on the only part of
me that will be gouged,
wounded and bloodied will be
my bank account.

A Season for Joy

God Rest Ye Merry

From the Winnipeg Free Press of Dec. 24, 1966

IN the Year of Our Lord 336
there was made the earliest
known mention of December 25
as the day of the birth of Jesus.
It is in the Philocalian Calen-
dar: 25 December natus
Christus in Bethlehem Judee.

When the date was settled we
do not know. Why it was settled
is less obscure. It was to
counter Natalis Solis Invicti,
the celebration of the birth of the
Sun of Righteousness, which
was — it might be said — the
office party of the city of Rome,
and an occasion singularly
lacking in the homelier virtues.

Nobody thought very much
about Christmas at all until the
early part of the third century,
and then only to speculate on
when Jesus might have been
born. Clement of Alexandria
said May 20. Not too many
Christians thought of cele-
brating the occasion until late in
the fourth century when some
remembrance of it became
fairly widespread and the date
was firmly fixed as December
25. Whether the real date was
May 20 or 19 or 21, or in April,
is not very important; it was in
the season of our spring. But in
the East it was in those times
celebrated on January 6, not as
a separate occasion of im-
portance but as a part of the
Feast of the Epiphany, cele-
brating the baptism of Jesus —
an event that took place in his
manhood. To this day,
Christmas is celebrated on
January 6 in the Armenian
Church.

That the celebration of
Christmas became general at
all among Christians is more
probably — and ironically —
due to the embittered contro-
versies of the fourth to the sixth
century about who Jesus was,
what his nature was, and
whether He was demi-god, very
God or Son of God. The general
celebration of Christmas was
established by a long series of
theological quarrels. In all
Christian history it has never,
in fact, been celebrated uni-
versally or without controversy.

The Puritans were hostile to it
and charged the poor mice pie
with being "the invention of the
scarlet whore of Babylon." The
innocent crib was a late de-
velopment and was banned by
the Roman church until the
Pope gave to St. Francis a
special dispensation to display
one.

The fact is, that if we knew
more than we obviously do
about Christmas and its cus-
toms and meanings, we would
know that all our complaints
had been heard before through
many centuries; that we are
neither innovators nor re-
formers; that even the length
and nature of the celebration
has been under the hammer in
all the generations — and we
might, like sensible, grateful
people, enjoy it with full hearts
and fewer complaints.

We know nothing at all about
its early celebration before, say,
the latter art of the third
century. What we do know of its
subsequent celebration is that it
retained, with remarkable
tenacity, some of the aspects of
the Saturnalia. It was meant to
banish Christmas, in our
day, is probably the soberest
and most wholesome celebration
in the season's ancient,
mediaeval and modern history.

It is also — and this may be a
surprise to some reformers —
the shortest version of the
season, since we knew nothing
about its general celebration
Christmas was once a 40 day
riot of food and fun-gathering,
ending on Twelfth Night. Those
who deplore the shopping
season, preceding a season that
lasts only a day or two, should
try to imagine a season that
began on St. Thomas's day, with
fiddlers playing Christmas
gathering their massive pro-
visions — that is, Christmas
shopping — and singing ad-
venturous God rest ye merry,
gentlemen, the 16th century's
best loved and most frequently
sung carol.

Carol singing is not, of course,
a Christmas custom exclusively.
There are carols of other
seasons but the gift-giving of
Christmas is peculiar to the
season. The gifts, and the spices
in a mince pie, are com-
memorations of the gifts and
spices of the Kings of Orient.
The candles are a sign of
technological advance from the
Christmas block, a great log
that gave light till a better
means came along (the candle)
and there need be no shame or
sham about electric lights; they
are in a natural succession and
the Light is the justification of
the season. (Hannukah is also,
we should remember, a festival
of Light.)

The Christmas tree, the bay
leaves and mistletoe reached us
from Germany through Queen
Victoria's Prince Albert, but the
... and his own people got
them from St. Boniface (his
real name was Wynfrith), a
Briton born in Devon in 680 who
cut down the Oak of Thor at
Glastonbury in his attempt to
Christianize the Germans of the
primeval forest and turn their
pagan environment into a
Christian one.

Christmas is, if we want to
face it, an accretion of trans-
muted and happy customs
meant to enlarge our joy. That
is how we should receive it, as a
season to which this happy and
aspiring heart of mankind has

given a seizing spirit that will
continue in the future, as it has
in the past, to overwhelm the
objector and the purist. At
Christmas we are all a little
heightened by an occult daff-
ness, by a grace that commands
us, and it is as if we were all
like the wife of the Magician in
Bergmann's film, who says of
her husband's "miracles": "If
only one of them could work.
Just once."

This one does, illuminated by
the magic and wonder of its
stories and songs, its Kings of
Orient, its legends of the
Wonderous Child among gypsies,
and Poles and Spaniards and
Yugoslavs and men of every
state and nation; flights of
imagination and fancy that for
a moment of our lives are more
real than the burdening facts of
life: "Shall I tell you who will
come - to Bethlehem on Chris-
mas morn - Who will kneel
them gently down - before the
Lord newborn?" — says a
Spanish carol. "One small fish
from the river - with scales of
red, red gold - One wild bee
from the heather..."

Believe it for a season, and
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Real Bethlehem 12 Miles Away, Say Moslem Archaeologists

Jesus' Birthplace 'Rediscovered'

By LEO HERMAN, from Bethlehem

The Holy Land has been ravaged so often by war and changed hands so many times that no one now is certain where Jesus was born.

The recognized site is occupied by the Church of the Nativity that was built over what is believed to be the manger that cradled Christ. The church is now shared by Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic denominations.

Visitors and worshippers enter Christianity's holiest shrine through a 4½-foot door hewn out of stone. Many legends surround this door, although only two are accepted by scholars.

One version holds that the entrance was lowered to force all visitors to dismount from their horses. Anti-Christian Moslem conquerors often desecrated holy places by riding into them on horseback.

The second legend claims that the door was built low to force all who entered to bow and remove their head coverings. It prevented proud Moslem officials from striding in amid pomp and pageantry.

Some recent research has cast doubt upon whether the Church of the Nativity covers the original manger.

Following last year's Israeli-Arab war, Moslem leaders in the old walled city of Jerusalem, 12 miles north of Bethlehem, sponsored a major survey of Mount Moriah (Temple Mount), the site of King Solomon's famed Temple of God.

Fearing Jewish demands for equal rights on Mount Moriah, now dominated by the mosques of Omar and Aksa, the Moslems probed hidden passages to determine that no tunnels connected the Wailing Wall with the place where Solomon's temple stood 2,000 years ago.

In the course of their investigation, the Moslems "rediscovered" the cradle of Jesus (Mahad Jissa in Arabic, Arisat Jeshu in Hebrew).

This is a windowless room about 20 feet long and 10 feet wide in the southeastern corner of King Solomon's stables.

When the Hebrew monarch built the Temple of God he connected it to his palace with a viaduct that spanned the Kidron gorge.

The southern slope of Mount Moriah beneath the viaduct was quarried to obtain stone for the temple and surrounding walls. Only the western Walling wall still stands.

The caves left by the stonemasons were utilized as stables by the royal guard. Without desecrating the temple, they could mount and ride out to defend the House of God when necessary.

The caverns also were used as pens for sheep, goats and donkeys during the reign of King Herod at the time of Christ's birth.

The road to Bethlehem skirted Kidron gorge, 300 yards from the stables. When Mary and Joseph fled to Bethlehem they would have taken the dirt track that skirted the gorge.

The Church of the Nativity lies on a hilltop, more than a mile off the ancient path and 12 miles south of the caves.

According to Moslem Coun-



It is believed in certain archeological circles that this is the entrance to the "cradle of Jesus" on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem.

cil secretary Hosein Hasnin, new discoveries make it logical to assume that Jesus was born in a manger in the most southern cave instead of the site covered by the Church of the Nativity.

He said that Moslem archaeologists have uncovered the ruins of ancient flour mills and grain silos about 500 yards from the southernmost cave which is connected with the others by a labyrinth.

Bethlehem is the modern derivation of ancient Hebrew Beit-Lechem, meaning "House of Bread." In other words, according to Hasnin, Bethle-

hem should be situated where the royal bakeries and flour mills were located.

Hasnin, offered other evidence. In the year 494, a Christian church was built at the mouth of King Solomon's stables to encompass the "Cradle of Jesus." No one mentioned Bethlehem then, Hasnin said.

The church was razed during the Persian invasion of 614 and rebuilt in 636 by the Patriarch Sophrinus who celebrated the first Christmas in Jerusalem at the "Cradle of Jesus" on Mount Moriah. Moslem scholars offer two

explanations for location of present-day Bethlehem 12 miles to the south.

They believe that Christian priests and monks were expelled from Mount Moriah by the Arab invasion of 637. Rather than admit that the Cradle of Jesus had fallen into Moslem hands, they moved south where they built another church on a similar bare mountain and called the nearby village Bethlehem.

Another possibility, they say, is that when 13th Century Crusaders were driven from the Holy City, enraged Arabs sealed the caves with huge boulders to deny access to Christian pilgrims.

Ponies from China Possible Epidemic Cause

Are Horses Flu Carriers?

By HARRY NELSON, from Los Angeles

Did the flu epidemic now sweeping the world begin with refugee-laden ponies coming out of China into Hong Kong? Perhaps an outlandish speculation. But perhaps also a valid hypothesis with some scientific backing.

The possibility that horses and other animals may be the carriers of human influenza viruses is of considerable interest to researchers.

It's been known for years that horses get the flu. In the old days, wars sometimes were halted because armies of horses as well as men were laid up.

Swine get the flu, too. In fact, flu researchers speculate

that the great influenza pandemic of 1918, which killed 500,000 persons, may have been due to a swine influenza virus.

But since that pandemic (pandemic means world-wide epidemic) occurred before scientists had the technological ability to isolate viruses, the truth perhaps will never be known.

The relationship between animals and human influenza may be important because it may explain a mystery that has always puzzled flu researchers: what happens to the virus in between epidemics? Where does it go?

One possible answer is that it harbors itself in horses. Hence the speculation that virus-infected Chinese ponies may have triggered the current epidemic last July in Hong Kong.

But why Hong Kong? That question seems impossible to answer at this time, except to say that Asia seems to have an affinity for flu viruses.

Scientists who track the course of epidemics are in general agreement that the pandemic of 1957-58 — the so-called Asian flu pandemic — had its origin in central China in the early winter of 1957.

The virus responsible for that outbreak is officially known as A2, or Asian virus, a variant of the Group A influenza virus which had been known to scientists for some time before the A2 made its appearance.

In getting out of China, this new variant is believed to have followed two main routes around the world. The first was by way of the Trans-Siberian railroad into the Soviet Union. The second was by land to Hong Kong, and from there by sea to ports all over the world.

The Hong Kong strain responsible for the current epidemic is a variant of the A2.

The notion that it came out of Asia by way of infected horses is pure conjecture. But there is some evidence that the kind of flu that horses get is caused by a virus which is similar to, if not the same as, the virus responsible for human epidemics.

Shortly after the Asian flu pandemic, for example, there were reports from the U.S.S.R. that the strains of virus isolated from horses showed no difference from those isolated from humans who worked with the horses. The assumption was that the horses were infected with the human strain of virus.

As often happens in medicine, however, there is also contrary evidence. In 1963 an epidemic of equine influenza swept through horse farms in various parts of the United States. But when researchers from the University of Michigan made a study of stable hands, they failed to find a case of horse flu in any of them.

More recently Dr. Frank Davenport of the University of Michigan School of Public Health showed that if humans of various ages are exposed to a horse-type influenza virus, persons who were born before 1899 or 1890 produce many more antibodies to the virus than do younger persons.

To a flu researcher this indicates that the older persons had been infected during childhood with a human virus which was in some ways related to the horse virus.

But again, these indications that horses and perhaps other animals have been acting as reservoirs of human flu viruses have been countered by other evidence.

Chief among the counter-evidence has been the failure of recent attempts to infect human volunteers with a horse virus under laboratory conditions — the people didn't get sick.

So the speculation about the Chinese horses can't be proved — and it can't be disproved. A number of scientists think it's too hot a prospect to give up on yet.

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Christmas Message Includes U.K. Woes**Queen Urges Brotherhood**

LONDON (CP) — The Queen today wished the world a merry and peaceful Christmas and appealed for an end to ancient enmities in Britain itself.

In her Christmas message, recorded Dec. 11 for color television, she urged the people of the Commonwealth to make use of the "modest step towards brotherhood" provided by the Commonwealth framework and not to waste it because of the dissensions of the moment.

In a clear reference to nationalistic sentiments stirring in Scotland and Wales, the Queen said:

"The British people together have achieved great things in the past and have overcome many dangers, but we cannot make further progress if we resurrect ancient squabbles."

This was her only mention of Britain's nationalistic problems. Calls for increased self-rule have become louder in the last year in Scotland and Wales.

The broadcast was recorded in the ornate Bow Room of Buckingham Palace two weeks ago.

For the broadcast, which lasted slightly more than four minutes, the Queen wore a pink wool sleeveless dress with a diamond flower brooch containing a dazzling central stone from the Williamson diamond mines in Rhodesia.

Some 20 members of the Royal Family, gathered at Windsor Castle for a quiet family Christmas, watched the broadcast, second to be made in color television.

Text of Queen's message: Christmas is a Christian festival which celebrates the birth of the prince of Peace. At times it is almost hidden by the merry-making and tinsel, but the essential message of Christmas is still that we all belong to the great brotherhood of man.

This idea is not limited to the Christian faith. Philosophers and prophets have concluded that peace is better than war, love is better than hate and that mankind can only find progress in friendship and co-operation.

Many ideas are being questioned today, but these great truths will continue to shine out as the light of hope in the

darkness of intolerance and inhumanity.

The words "the brotherhood of man" have a splendid ring about them, but the idea may seem too remote to have any practical meaning in this hard and bustling age. Indeed, it means nothing at all unless the brotherhood, starting with individuals, can reconcile rival communities, conflicting religions, differing races and the divided and prejudiced nations of the world.

If we truly believe that the brotherhood of man has a value for the world's future, then we should seek to support those international organizations which foster understanding between people and between nations.

The British people together have achieved great things in the past and have overcome many dangers but we cannot make further progress if we resurrect ancient squabbles.

The nations belonging to the Commonwealth have in their hands a well-tried framework for mutual help and co-operation. It would be short-sighted to waste this modest step towards brotherhood because we are too busy with the dissensions of the moment.

Every individual and every nation have problems, so there is all the more reason for us to do our utmost to show our concern for others.

Rich or poor, we all depend upon the work and skill of individual men and women, particularly those in industry and production who are the creators of wealth and prosperity. We depend on new knowledge, invention and innovation, practical improvements and developments, all of which offer us a better life.

Yet we should not be obsessed by material problems. We must also be sure that we remain spiritually alive. Everything we do now is helping to shape the world in which

our children are going to live. Our young people need all the help and opportunities we can give them to prepare them for the responsibilities which they will soon have to carry.

Today I have spoken of "the brotherhood of man" and the hope it holds out for the world. This should not remain a vague thought nor an abstract idea. Each of us can put it into practice by treating one another with kindness and consideration at all times and in spite of every kind of provocation.

Christmas is the festival of peace. It is God's will that it should be our constant en-

**The Queen**

deavor to establish "peace on earth, goodwill towards men." I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and every good fortune in the new year."

Now Woman Of Grace And Serenity

By DON DEDERA

MESA, Ariz. (CNS) — She is now 37 years old and beautiful, they say, a woman of exceptional grace and serenity, living somewhere in Arizona.

Arizona's Christmas Baby has proven worthy of her miraculous deliverance.

That night in 1931 was cold and hung with stars. Driving through the darkness, Ed Stewart hummed Silent Night. He was 40 miles from his home in Mesa, then a quiet farm town east of Phoenix. It was Christmas Eve.

Suddenly a tire exploded. Ed let the car roll to a bumpy stop. He checked the tire and said to his pretty young wife: "Won't take more than 10 minutes. We've got to hurry home and play Santa Claus."

Mrs. Stewart strolled off the roadside as her husband wrestled with the spare tire. How quiet! How dark! The yellow window of the nearest ranch house blinked 15 miles across the sweep of desert-mountain bordering the Superstition Wilderness Area.

A vague shape on the ground caught Mrs. Stewart's attention. It seemed to be a round hatched. Yes, an ordinary hatchbox. The lid was shut.

"Ready to roll, honey!" shouted Stewart.

"Ed," she answered, "come here a minute."

"Hey, c'mon, it's Christmas Eve."

"Ed, please come here. There's ... there's something ..."

Impatient, Stewart walked to the box and gently kicked it. Just an old hatchbox, he said.

'Gift From God, She Is'

And from the hatchbox came a tiny sound. Stewart knelt and lifted the lid. He drew back a layer or blankets. There lay a tiny baby swathed in cotton strips. The infant cried.

This could not be. But it was. As if at the brink of a dream world, the Stewarts rewrapped the babe in a coat and drove directly to the Mesa Police Station. Constable Joe Maler was on duty.

"What in tarnation's this?" he asked, looking down at the bundle the Stewarts had placed in his vast lap. The Stewarts told him, and Maler believed them, because no couple in Mesa had a better reputation than the Stewarts, devout Mormons.

As Officer Maler tried to think of a regulation to cover a week-old red-haired, blue-eyed, pointed-chinned girl, Deke LaBaron walked into the station. He had an idea. Mrs. Hugh Dana, known throughout the town as Ma, had an affinity for stray things. They took the child to her.

"A gift from God, she is," whispered Ma Dana, and when she had fed and bathed the tot, she named her Baby Marian, for Mary, mother of Jesus.

Intensive police work in the ensuing weeks failed to bring forth an identity for the child. As the news of the discovery flashed across Arizona and the world, some 20 couples asked to adopt Baby Marian. From throughout the Salt River Valley strangers arrived at Ma Dana's, bearing gifts. Believing the rescue a miracle, religious persons knelt and prayed at the infant's cradle.

It fell to Judge E. L. Green of Pinal County to choose the foster home. And when he reached his decision he asked the new parents, the press, the rescuers, the citizens of Mesa and officials everywhere to keep close the secret of Baby Marian's whereabouts.

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Trudeau's Christmas Message**Good Time to Think Of Less Fortunate**

OTTAWA (CP)—In his first Christmas message to Canadians, Prime Minister Trudeau has called on his fellow countrymen to resolve divisive internal conflicts, and find ways to enrich the lives of the deprived and ignored.

"Even in this prosperous and peaceful country, there are human beings who need our help," said the 49-year-old prime minister. "Some Canadians do not enjoy their share of our material wealth and others cannot exercise the rights and freedoms to which we are all entitled."

RESOLVE CONFLICTS

"We must learn to resolve the internal conflicts which have divided us and which have absorbed so much of our time and energy; and we must find ways to enrich the lives of those among us who have been deprived or ignored."

"In a world which cries out for generosity and compassion, there is work for all those who wish to serve their fellow man."

I think that the humanitarian feelings of Canadians are deep and strong. We must find the means to give positive and effective expression to those feelings."

INSPIRE FEELINGS

The prime minister said he hopes that the peaceful spirit of Christmas and the atmosphere of friendship and goodwill will continue into the days and weeks ahead "and will inspire all our work and feelings towards one another."

Looking back over 1968, he said it has been a year of violence and destruction. "On our television screens and in our newspapers, we have seen pictures of great suffering—men, women and children who are the hapless victims of hate and misunderstanding."

GOOD FORTUNE

"Perhaps Christmas is a good time to think for a moment of those less fortunate than ourselves, and to reflect on how we can better serve them. It may

also be a time to appreciate our own good fortune in living in this country of ours."

During the year, the prime minister said he has visited the Atlantic provinces, with their deep historic roots, the West, with its vitality and confidence, and the great cities and smaller communities of the central provinces. "Most of all, perhaps, I enjoyed my trip to our vast and challenging north-land."

"No country in the world has been more blessed with more wealth and beauty than Canada. These are gifts which we receive in trust. We must learn to use them with wisdom and humanity."

Montreal Blaze

MONTREAL (CP) — Firemen evacuated scores of families from a burning 13-storey apartment building Monday night before bringing the five-alarm blaze under control in a 90-minute battle.

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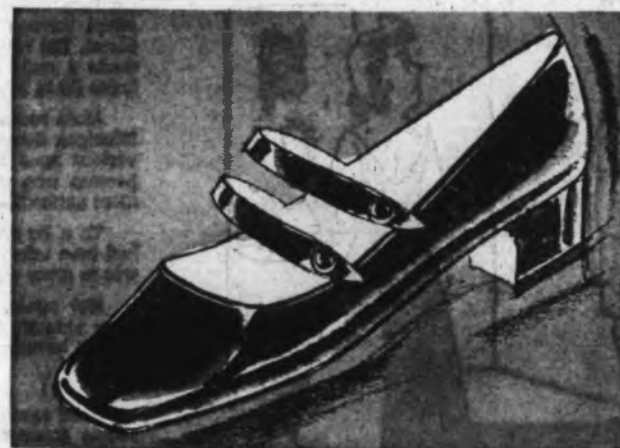
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Bitter, Cold Night And Machine Guns Bethlehem Scene

BETHLEHEM (AP) — Bethlehem was bristling with guns at midnight as pilgrims came to pay homage to the Prince of Peace.

It was a bitter, cold night, and for the earthbound moon was a shining crescent, when Msgr. Alberto Gori, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem, came here to recite High Pontifical Mass over the place where tradition says Christ was born.

Automatic rifles and light machine guns poked from every high building. Israeli troops were even on top of the Church of Nativity which stands over the manger where Mary gave birth.

LAND MINES

At Shepherds' Field outside Bethlehem where the angel appeared to tell of the birth, soldiers had checked among the pilgrims and sheep for land mines.

The El Fatah guerrilla organization had announced it could not guarantee the safety of pilgrims coming to the Holy Land this Christmas.

Earlier, 80 miles to the north near the Sea of Galilee, Israeli planes had swooped low to strike at Arab guerrilla positions just across the cease-fire line inside Jordan. The Israelis charged the Arabs had fired on an Israeli patrol.

Bethlehem has been under Israeli control since the 1967 war.

SHARP CONTRAST

The scenes here were in sharp contrast to the day before when this little town appeared to be

an oasis of peace in the troubled Middle East.

The army and police turned out in force early Tuesday and fanned out to cover vantage points. A rigid system of roadblocks filtered the flow of pilgrims from Jerusalem. Israeli civilians were not permitted inside Bethlehem.

Despite the Arab threat, more than 25,000 visitors had arrived in Israel in three days. About 2,000 of them were Arabs, crossing the Jordan river over the Allenby Bridge from Jordan, Lebanon and Kuwait, the Israelis said.

MOUNTED POLICE

The celebrations started officially when Msgr. Gori arrived from Jerusalem Tuesday afternoon, escorted by Israeli mounted police. The bearded patriarch was met by the military governor of Bethlehem, the police commandant — both Israelis — and the Arab mayor, Elias Bandak.

Tuesday afternoon only about 1,000 visitors were in Bethlehem — in sharp contrast to the days when the town was under Jordanian rule, the Arabs claimed.

"People are nervous," said one of the many showmen who minded empty stores, "every time a door slams they jump."

DRY DAY

The celebrations were dampened further by an unexplained Israeli ban on the sale of alcohol in cafes and restaurants.

"We don't know why," said one restaurant man. "We were just told we shouldn't sell drinks over Christmas."

Nigeria Rejects Truce

LAGOS, Nigeria (UPI) — Federal Nigerian leader Gen. Yakubu Gowon Tuesday rejected a call for a week's Christmas truce in the civil war with Biafra.

Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie had pleaded with both sides to observe the cease-fire, an idea quickly endorsed by President Johnson.

Nigeria and Biafra had announced earlier they would observe Christmas cease-fire of varying lengths, but Tuesday Gowon said "from ample evidence available to us, the rebel leadership is not genuinely interested in any cease-fire arrangements and in seeking a lasting peace."

In a letter to Selassie, the Nigerian military ruler said "the one-week truce which you proposed will only . . . raise false hopes."

Biafran leader Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu had announced an eight-day truce for his forces but said they would return fire if fired upon.

Saigon Peace Demonstrators Arrested

Shots Mar Non-Truce by Viet Cong

SAIGON (AP) — Eighty shooting incidents marked the first 12 hours of the allied Christmas Day cease-fire, the U.S. Command reported today.

Military spokesmen said at least 22 enemy and one American Marine were killed and 38 GIs wounded in the clashes, most of them involving small fighting units scattered throughout the country.

The allies' stand-down was within the three-day truce called by the Viet Cong high command.

VIOLATIONS IN PAST

South Vietnamese and American authorities had refused to join in a three-day cease-fire because they claimed the enemy had violated similar agreements in the past.

In Saigon, a Christmas Eve peace demonstration broke up in a bloody brawl between students and police. About 100 student demonstrators were arrested. They carried placards demanding "restoration of peace and the stopping of this long war."

Months Of Terror

MIDWAY ISLAND (UPI) — North Korea captured the USS Pueblo to "embarrass the United States government more than anything else," the ship's commander said Tuesday.

Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher's remarks were made as he and the crew of the intelligence ship made a refueling stop here before continuing on to San Diego, Calif., for a Christmas Eve reunion with their families.

Bucher said he questioned whether "the people who came out and captured the Pueblo had actually been authorized. We have a feeling they had blown it."

MONTHS OF SUFFERING

The skipper also described how he and the 81 other surviving members of the Pueblo's 83-man crew suffered through 11 months of imprisonment and torture at the hands of the communist North Koreans before they were released last Monday and began their flight to freedom from Seoul.

The crew applauded the 41-year-old commander loudly when he referred to their tormentors as "apes" who beat and terrified them.

"Every member of the crew has been subjected to terror of some kind one time or another," Bucher said.

FACE SPARED

He said his captors threatened several times to shoot younger members of the crew in front of him.

Bucher said he was "rarely beaten in the face because I was subjected to a lot of camera ordeals. They wanted me to look at least presentable to the cameras."

"But this didn't keep them from caving in my ribs, or kicking me in the tailbone to the point where I was almost unable to walk for many weeks," he said.

Pueblo Reunion

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while, said in a message to the crew: "It is a source of the deepest satisfaction to me and all your fellow countrymen that you have returned to your families and to your homeland in time for this holiday season."

"We are aware of the ordeal through which you have passed and we thank

God it has ended. We extend our heaviest sympathies to you and I wish you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year."

Bucher was first to debark from the planes. A Navy band played "The Lonely Bull" — requested by crewmen — as the skipper embraced his wife, Rose. She had been a leader in a drive to keep government officials working for the crew's release.

Bucher, his face drawn, walked with a limp. But he smiled and waved to the crowd.

The Pueblo was seized last Jan. 23 when North Korea said it invaded territorial waters. The United States has denied this.

Crew members were to undergo intelligence debriefing at the San Diego Navy Hospital. For the first 26 hours they were to be kept under strict security wraps. Reporters were not allowed to question them individually.

In a brief talk, Bucher said: "Some 11 months ago we were very unfortunate . . . there were just too many of them and just too little of us. We spent many, many months in that land completely devoid of humanity."

He described the North Korean captors as, "so completely devoid of humanity, so devoted to the enslavement of men's minds."

There were many touching scenes.

A grey-haired mother, spotting her son as he stepped from the plane, broke into a sprint in his direction, showing real speed.

A little girl talked shyly to the father she hadn't seen in so long as she nestled in his arms.

A crewman, wife and baby at his side, became exasperated as he pushed an empty stroller over its lack of speed and picked it up and carried it to a bus.

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In the season of "Goodwill to All Men"
Thank our Lord for our beautiful and
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May we all join together
In wishing you and yours,
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A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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By Jim Tang

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Helped Fill Own Stockings

Five Victoria Gun Club members have provided themselves with a welcome Christmas gift by getting in on the big awards in the \$450,000 Winchester Claybird Tournament. Each won a matched set of shotguns — an M1200 trap gun and an M1400 skeet gun — valued at about \$700. Winchester representative Bob Short, kneeling on right, made the presentations. Four of the winners, from left to right, are Frank Brown, Colin Moir, Frank Smith and Gordon Lamont. Other Victoria winner was Frank Pitts. — (Jim Ryan)

New Threats Emerge
In Different Colors

National Hockey League scoring statistics show familiar names such as Bobby Hull, Gordie Howe and Stan Mikita among the top leaders but a feature this season has been the productivity of players who were traded to other clubs. Hull, with 48 points, has maintained a five-point lead over the amazing Howe and defending-champion Mikita in striking distance with 39 points but new threats are coming to the front.

NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Phil Esposito, who used to play on the same line as Hull, has tied the Chicago bomber with 22 goals and accumulated 41 points in leading Boston Bruins to the East Division lead.

Jim Pappin and Bob Nevin, wingers who used to toil for Toronto Maple Leafs, are not far behind. Pappin is pushing for the goal-scoring lead with 19 scoring points and has a rushing number of assists. Nevin, freed from penalty-killing duties this season, has 18 points and 33 points.

Red Berenson, who couldn't find regular employment with Montreal Canadiens, is in the thick of things with 17 goals and 19 assists for St. Louis Blues and Ray Cullen, considered

Every Payday Is Christmas
For Top Professional Stars

By BEN OLAN

NEW YORK (AP) — Pele, the king of soccer, has no kick coming about his annual salary. Basketball's Wilt Chamberlain also has no reason to be concerned immediately about the outcome of his income.

You can bet dollars to doughnuts, too, that John Unitas, Willie Mays, Jack Nicklaus, Braulio Baza and Mario Andretti are well up there in the money.

The world's highest paid athlete, though, is a Spanish matador.

The guy making the big financial killing is Manuel Benitez, better known in Spain as El Cordobes.

Benitez earns about \$1,000,000 annually from his bull-fighting performances. He averages about \$14,000 for each of 75 yearly appearances.

It's raining money in Spain for several other matadors, among them Antonio Ordonez

and Sebastian Palomo Linares, both in the \$700,000 class. And neither Santiago Martin nor Pacho Camino are locked in the horns of financial dilemma. They average about \$500,000 apiece.

Manolo Martinez, Mexico's leading matador, is in the \$400,000 yearly category.

PELE EARNS \$300,000

Pele, star of the Santos team of Brazil, makes \$300,000 annually. It is estimated he received about \$180,000 for playing soccer plus an additional \$320,000 from promotional and business activities. In each contract he signs, however, Pele insists that the club or sponsor pay the taxes, so his earnings are free and clear.

Chamberlain is undoubtedly the highest paid American athlete although pinpointing the salaries of the top U.S. stars accurately is difficult. Many among the contracts are in the deferred payment group and a number include personal services to their teams and bonuses based on performances.

HIGH DETERMINATION

As near as can be determined, though, Chamberlain will receive \$3,000,000 over the next five years from Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association.

Bill Russell, player-coach of Boston Celtics of the NBA, received \$150,000 last year, and Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati and Jerry West and Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles are in or near the \$100,000 bracket.

GOLF PAYS OFF

In golf, Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer in recent years have averaged from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in total money winnings on the tour plus an additional \$800,000 to \$900,000 in endorsements and interests allied to their sports.

Palmer parlayed his success on the links and his business acumen into Arnold Palmer Enterprises, a multimillion dollar corporation, which he sold to the National Broadcasting Co. for \$6,000,000.

UNITAS SET

Unitas, star quarterback of Baltimore Colts of the National Football League, signed a lucrative long-term contract last year which extends well beyond his playing career. The pact includes personal services. His annual salary is estimated at between \$100,000 to \$225,000.

In or near the \$75,000 bracket are Bart Starr of Green Bay Packers, Don Meredith of Dallas Cowboys, Fran Tarkenton of New York Giants and John Brodie of San Francisco 49ers, all of the NFL, and Joe Namath of New York Jets and Mike Garrett of Kansas City Chiefs of the American League.

MAYS AT \$125,000

Mays, veteran San Francisco Giants outfielder, is the highest paid baseball player at \$125,000 but Los Angeles pitcher Don Drysdale is close behind at \$115,000. Several others, including Carl Yastrzemski of Boston Red Sox, Mickey Mantle of New York Yankees, Juan Marchal of San Francisco, and Frank Robinson of Baltimore Orioles are earning \$100,000.

Yastrzemski, last season's American League Triple Crown winner, is talking about \$125,000 on his income as a result of outside business interests.

BOGIES COLLECTED

"The most earned by a ball player in outside income was \$300,000 by Roger Maris in 1962, the year after he hit 71 homers," revealed Frank Scott, who represents many star athletes.

Scott estimates that Denny McLain, Detroit Tigers' ace pitcher, may earn at least \$100,000 in television appearances and endorsements during the off-season.

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paid hockey players. Howe, Mikita and Hull each received about \$50,000 in the last National Hockey League season and recently have signed new and much more lucrative interests.

Orr, only 20 years old, recently signed a three-year

pact which includes personal services and may be augmented by post-season bonuses. It was initially reported that the contract totalled \$400,000, but cooler heads in hockey now estimate it at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Boxing Day Golf
Holiday Feature

Holiday sport activities kick off Boxing Day with the annual Christmas Tree golf tournament sponsored by the Daily Colonist.

The event, which has attracted most of the low handicap golfers in the area, starts at 8:15 a.m. at Uplands Golf Club. Indications are that the weather will not interfere with the tournament, which has been cancelled only twice since 1959, but recent heavy rains should make the course play long.

Carts will not be permitted because of the ground conditions and participants are advised to bring their own caddies.

Next on the list Thursday is the cash bonspiel at the Victoria Curling Club. First draw in the event starts at 10:30 a.m.

Canadian records will be set during the afternoon when the Victoria Track and Field Association holds its first mixed one-hour run at Victoria High School starting at 1:00.

The event has never officially been staged for women runners

in Canada so each age-class winner will own the national record.

Rounding out the Boxing Day program is the annual Tony Hope Memorial soccer match between Victoria O'Keefe's of the Pacific Coast Soccer League and the district league all-stars at Macdonald Park at 2 p.m. The match is being held this year as a benefit for Will Sadler, the Victoria sportsman who was injured badly in an August car accident while returning from the Babe Ruth Baseball world series at Klamath Falls, Ore.

FOR FRIDAY

Hockey and basketball spotlight Friday's action.

It's father and son, or daughter, night at Esquimalt Sports Centre for the regular double-header in the Vancouver Island Hockey League. UVIC Vikings meet Butte Brothers at 7:45 p.m., followed by the Stocker's North Americans-Queen's Own Rifles game at 9:15.

The basketball event is the annual Bob Whyte tournament at the University of Victoria gymnasium.

Friday night, Colony Inn of the city senior league meets Victoria Chinooks who are in first place in the Inter-City junior league, at 7. Farmer Construction of the senior league plays UVIC Jayvees at 9:00.

The losers play Saturday at 7 p.m., followed by the championship game at 9:00.

SATURDAY HOCKEY

Also on Saturday are two hockey events.

Victoria Cougars of the B.C. Junior League meet Kamloops Rockets at Memorial Arena at 7:45 p.m. Earlier in the day, Major-General Peakes opens the Saanich Minor Hockey Jam-boree at the G. R. Peakes Arena at 11:30 a.m.

Jenkins Repeats
In Year-End Poll

From CANADIAN PRESS

Ferguson, Jenkins, the Chatham, Ont., right-hander, who has had two successive 20-victory seasons with Chicago Cubs of the National League, has been selected as Canada's outstanding male athlete for the second straight year.

Jenkins, who defeated Bobby Hull in the 1967 vote was an easy winner in the poll conducted by Canadian Press.

The 123 sportswriters and broadcasters who balloted gave Jenkins 210 points with voting on a 3-3-1 basis.

Closest, with 167 points, was Toronto-golfer George Knudson. Hockey-star Stan Mikita was third with 148 points and Al Barding, who helped Knudson win the World Cup for Canada, placed fourth with 60 points.

Herve Filkin, who earlier this month became the first harness-racing driver to score 400 victories in a year, was fifth with 40 points. Ottawa quarterback Russ Jackson received 27 points and Hull got 26.

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Despite the dramatic stretch run of the Montreal Canadiens, the equestrian team of Jim Day, Jim Elder and Tom Gayford outpolled the National Hockey League and Stanley Cup champions, 68-44, in first-place votes and 274-231 in points.

The Canadian women's swimming team, which won three silver medals and a bronze medal at the Olympic Games, was third with 72 points.

Ottawa Rough Riders, Canadian football champions, received 47 points. Behind them came Ron Northcott's Calgary curling rink, 42 points, and world champions, with 42 points.

Oakawa Green Gais, who won their sixth consecutive Canadian Junior Lacrosse championship, were sixth with 39 points.

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Tigers Leave

VICTORIAVILLE, Que. (CP)

—Victoriaville Tigers, leaders in the Quebec Senior Hockey League, and defending Allan Cup champions, leave tonight to represent Canada in the Buxton Ashmead tournament in Stockholm, Dec. 27-Jan. 3.

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OUTDOORS

with Alec Merriman

Kids don't have to wait until spring to initiate the fishing tackle they get for Christmas. Some of the best trout fishing of the year is to be found from now until April in the little streams, and even in ditches, some of them seemingly the most unlikely spots to catch fish.

Whether he has a Christmas fishing outfit, or a rod and reel which has seen action before, a young boy can put his Yuletide holidays to good use by fishing in "backyard" fishing holes.

It is a pretty safe bet that Christmas Day, or Boxing Day at the latest, will see some youngster and his dad dunking a worm in Deadman's Creek, off the Trans-Canada Highway between the Thetis Lake Overleaf and Helincken Road, either below the falls or on the other side of the highway.

Colquitz Creek will be another scene of fishing activity. You can fish the Colquitz from behind the Tilikum outdoor theatre, along Interurban Road, right up to Conley's on Carey Road, and you could pick up a two or three pound cutthroat. Sometimes there is good fishing at high tides for searun cutthroats in Portage Inlet at the mouth of the Colquitz.

There is fishing in the Colquitz for about half a mile, down to and above the weir below Beaver Lake, but changes at the weir and difficulty of access has put a damper on those fishing spots.

Fish these areas by drifting a worm, or a hook baited with salmon paste, keeping the bait close to the bottom. Or you can simply cast out a worm and let it sit and wriggle on the bottom of a pool while you wait for a bite. You can also use a bobber and worm, or paste.

The trout are just now entering the creeks, from the lakes and from the sea, to spawn. Most of them will be small, but there will be three and four-pounders among them.

Some of the trout will be dark in spawning condition and should be released, as should those under eight inches in length.

Fish Thetis Creek where it comes out of Little Thetis (Pike) Lake and also underneath the highway near the Thetis Lake Trans-Canada overleaf.

Any place you find water under a road bridge is a likely trout spot at this time of year.

Millstream, below the dam at Matson's Pond (drive up Millstream Road off the Trans-Canada Highway at Langford) is a good trout spot. Also on the Millstream there is a fishing spot below the bridge on Atkins Road and downstream, wherever you can reach the river, to the Six Mile House, where the Millstream flows into Esquimalt Harbor.

You can fish off the oyster shacks downstream from Parson's Bridge at the Six Mile for perch and trout and in the Inner Harbor for searun cutthroat off Fisherman's Wharf and in West Bay, just out from Jimmy Worswick's marina.

Esquimalt Lagoon can be productive for cutthroat trout right in front of Royal Roads College. The ponds in Hatley Park have been stocked with trout that went up the fish ladders from Esquimalt Lagoon trout spots.

Albert Head Lagoon sometimes gives up some nice cutthroat fishing. Witty's Lagoon, near the falls is also another good spot.

Now is the time to get out those herring rigs and try for herring in the Gorge, from Craigflower Bridge and from the reef and shore under Tilikum Bridge, where there is also trout fishing.

Hatchery Creek between the 17-Mile House and Gillespie Road is a good trout fishing spot, but access is a problem.

McKenzie Creek, along the Sooke Road, near Kangaroo Road is accessible at spots, but as property along this creek is being developed rather quickly some of the old favorite spots are being barred to anglers.

Bilston Creek, where it runs through the South Vancouver Island Rangers' grounds and along the Happy Valley Road, is sometimes a good trout producer.

Shawinigan Creek, at the top end of Shawinigan Lake below the second railway trestle, produces some nice trout. Shawinigan Creek is also fair where it runs into the lake from the West Road around Shawinigan Lake. Fish under the bridge and down to the lake.

The Kokishah is worth trying on either side of the bridge on the Trans-Canada Highway.

The mouth of the Millstream in Mill Bay, near the old Solarium (now Brentwood College) is another trout area.

Fish Hagan Creek on either side of the West Saanich Road, near Woodwynd Farm at Brentwood.

Try Sayward Creek from Noble Road down to where it runs into Sayward Beach at the far end of Cordova Bay. You can also catch trout fishing from the beach at this spot.

Shady Creek in Central Saanich, near Saanichton Spit is another trout spot.

Under the Johnson Street Bridge and around the log booms by Point Elliot Bridge are other good spots for cutthroat, especially in early spring and early fall months.

Merry Christmas and tight lines.

Permit Post Entry For Cash Bonspiel

Uncertain weather and road conditions have left some openings in the cash bonspiel at the Victoria Curling Club on Boxing Day but the event will carry on as scheduled with the first draw at 10:30 a.m.

Entries will be accepted right up until the time of the first draw, skips drawing for position as they arrive.

Present entry is 12 rinks out of a hoped-for entry of 16. If post entries bring the maximum entry, the first prize will be \$325, which will go to the winner of the "A" event. Prizes in the "B" event will be \$150, \$100, \$50

and \$50. If the entry falls below the minimum, the prize list will be altered to conform.

Entry fee is \$50 a rink, all of it returnable in prizes except for a maximum of \$125 to cover ice rental and other expenses.

Further information may be obtained from Gar Taylor at 384-4818.



Another Honor

Denny McLain, who led Detroit Tigers to their first American League title in 23 years by pitching 31 victories, was named Man of the Year in sports yesterday by the St. Louis Sports News. McLain had earlier been selected as his league's most valuable player and was voted the Cy Young Award.



Joining Up

Sandy Koufax, who quit baseball at the height of a brilliant pitching career, announced yesterday that he is going to get married. The bride-to-be is Ann Widmark, daughter of actor Richard Widmark. No date has been set but Koufax said that "it would be sooner than later."

Koufax, 32, is working on a 10-year contract as a television sports announcer and commentator which calls for an estimated \$1,000,000.

Success Claimed, Expansion Planned By Maverick Junior Hockey League

GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—The maverick Western Ontario Junior A Hockey League, still suffering growing pains, may expand to eight teams from the present five next year.

"We've had several inquiries from other areas about joining the league next season," league president Frank Basso of Guelph said in an interview Monday.

OPTIMISTIC "We're very optimistic. The hockey in the league as a whole is very good. We are hoping to expand to eight teams next year."

The league, with teams at St. Thomas, Brantford, Guelph, Chatham and Sarnia, was conceived after the Ontario Hockey Association refused to grant the group Junior A status.

Without OHA sanction, the league affiliated with the Western Canada Junior A League under the rebel Canadian Hockey Association.

DEFIED THE CAHA Association president Ron Butlin of Calgary defied the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association over its change in the Junior A age limit and took the bulk of the Prairie teams into the newly-formed organization.

Next year, the CAHA will hold a Canadian championship between eastern and western teams. Basso, vice-president of the association, is pleased with the development of the WOHL in its rookie year.

The league is almost halfway through its 56-game schedule and he says fan support has been gratifying.

ONE MORE SEASON "We had to sell three new clubs and it's been a bit of a hard sell," he said. "There are some great pro prospects and some of the players have received offers from other leagues to leave us."

"It will take another year and we'll be on a par with the OHA Junior A league."

Guelph Imperials, in last place with 19 points, has had the lowest attendance, averaging about 1,100 fans a game. St. Thomas Barons, with a 16-point lead over second-place Brantford Foresters, has attracted about 1,700 fans a game.

Basso disputes the theory that the WOHL is an outlaw league

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"This is the only way we can protect our players," Basso said.

"If there is any dispute about

the validity of the contracts, it would be interesting to see what would happen in a court of law. Every player in the NHL might become a free agent."

At present, St. Thomas has 39 points, Brantford 23 and Chatham Maroons 21. Sarnia Legionnaires are fourth with 20 points, one more than the Imperials, coached by former NHL star Lou Fontinato.

The championship series with the western Canada representative opens April 25, with the first two games in the east. The next four games will be played in the West and a seventh game, if necessary, will be held in the East.

Basso says his league hasn't tried to rate itself with the OHA Junior A league.

DELAIDE, Australia (AP) Arthur Ashe's troublesome tennis elbow and an outbreak of other nagging injuries threw a

sombre cloud over the heavily favored U.S. team as the Americans and Australian prepared for the draw Wednesday in the 58th Davis cup challenge round.

Ashe, the team's top player, continues favoring his right elbow which has plagued him for weeks. Charlie Graebner, the No. 2 singles player just over a back ailment, has turned up with a mild hip injury. Stan Smith has chronic tendonitis in the right hand.

"Certainly we are concerned about all these injuries," said

Chosen Again

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) —Southern California's running back O. J. Simpson was

reselected player of the year and Ohio State's Woody Hayes

was named coach of the year on the 1968 Walter Camp All-American football team, announced Tuesday night.

The Americans are 10-1 favorites—with little or no betting

over the Australian team drained of experience and talent by pro raids. No member ever

has played in a Davis cup match.

Australia's top singles hopes are Ray Uffes, 22, a left-hander

with a mighty serve, and Australian champion Bill Bowrey, 24, a potentially brilliant

singles player whose form has been dull the last few months.

Santa Anita Season Opens

ARCADIA, Calif. — The winter thoroughbred racing season opens Thursday at Santa Anita. Entries and selections for the Boxing Day program follow:

FIRST RACE — 8:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	OF DARE (Dormouse) 119
Corporal Roy (Duke) 118	Royal Pals (Harmata) 118
Windy Island (Piney Jr.) 117	Royal Command (Pace) 118
Brum Rebel (Piney) 116	Big Boy (Giant) 118
Bayou (M. Valencio) 115	Full of Trouble (Harmata) 117
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 114	Page 1 (Belmonte) 117
Bayou (M. Valencio) 113	Gold's Dancer (Harmata) 117
Win Rater (Adair) 112	Gold Mine (Lambert) 117
Albion (Palomino) 111	Table Play (Piney) 117
Honor Farm (Sellers) 110	Big Boy (Giant) 117
Setter News (Lambert) 109	Big Boy (Giant) 117
Freddie D. P. (Mahoney) 108	Admiral's Ark (Harmata) 116
King Of Pines (Romano) 107	Val Of Toss (Dormouse) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 106	Verden Handicap, all ages, six furlongs
Early Bird (Romano) 105	Vale Of Toss (Dormouse) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 104	Turnback (Harmata) 116

SECOND RACE — 8:40 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, two-year-olds, six and one-half furlongs)	SIXTH RACE — 8:50 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, one and one-half miles)
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 107	Popple (Piney) 116
Win Rater (Adair) 106	Popple (Piney) 116
Albion (Palomino) 105	Popple (Piney) 116
Honor Farm (Sellers) 104	Popple (Piney) 116
Setter News (Lambert) 103	Popple (Piney) 116
Freddie D. P. (Mahoney) 102	Popple (Piney) 116
King Of Pines (Romano) 101	Popple (Piney) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 100	Popple (Piney) 116
Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

THIRD RACE — 9:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, one and one-half miles)	SEVENTH RACE — 9:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six and one-half furlongs)
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 107	Popple (Piney) 116
Win Rater (Adair) 106	Popple (Piney) 116
Albion (Palomino) 105	Popple (Piney) 116
Honor Farm (Sellers) 104	Popple (Piney) 116
Setter News (Lambert) 103	Popple (Piney) 116
Freddie D. P. (Mahoney) 102	Popple (Piney) 116
King Of Pines (Romano) 101	Popple (Piney) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 100	Popple (Piney) 116
Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

FOURTH RACE — 9:40 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	EIGHTH RACE — 9:40 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
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Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
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Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

FIFTH RACE — 10:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	NINTH RACE — 10:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 107	Popple (Piney) 116
Win Rater (Adair) 106	Popple (Piney) 116
Albion (Palomino) 105	Popple (Piney) 116
Honor Farm (Sellers) 104	Popple (Piney) 116
Setter News (Lambert) 103	Popple (Piney) 116
Freddie D. P. (Mahoney) 102	Popple (Piney) 116
King Of Pines (Romano) 101	Popple (Piney) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 100	Popple (Piney) 116
Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

SIXTH RACE — 10:40 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	TENTH RACE — 10:40 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 107	Popple (Piney) 116
Win Rater (Adair) 106	Popple (Piney) 116
Albion (Palomino) 105	Popple (Piney) 116
Honor Farm (Sellers) 104	Popple (Piney) 116
Setter News (Lambert) 103	Popple (Piney) 116
Freddie D. P. (Mahoney) 102	Popple (Piney) 116
King Of Pines (Romano) 101	Popple (Piney) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 100	Popple (Piney) 116
Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

SEVENTH RACE — 11:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	ELEVENTH RACE — 11:00 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 107	Popple (Piney) 116
Win Rater (Adair) 106	Popple (Piney) 116
Albion (Palomino) 105	Popple (Piney) 116
Honor Farm (Sellers) 104	Popple (Piney) 116
Setter News (Lambert) 103	Popple (Piney) 116
Freddie D. P. (Mahoney) 102	Popple (Piney) 116
King Of Pines (Romano) 101	Popple (Piney) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 100	Popple (Piney) 116
Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

EIGHTH RACE — 11:40 a.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	Twelfth Race (Piney) 116
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 107	Popple (Piney) 116
Win Rater (Adair) 106	Popple (Piney) 116
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King Of Pines (Romano) 101	Popple (Piney) 116
Track Tiger (Garcia) 100	Popple (Piney) 116
Early Bird (Romano) 99	Popple (Piney) 116
Gay Willie (Yates) 98	Popple (Piney) 116

NINTH RACE — 12:00 p.m. claiming (\$2,500, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs)	Thirteenth Race (Piney) 116
Clumsy Acres (Harmata) 113	One-act (Harmata) 116
Grand Old Name (Romano) 112	Popple (Piney) 116
Golden (Duke) 111	Popple (Piney) 116
Brum Rebel (Piney) 110	Popple (Piney) 116
Bayou (M. Valencio) 109	Popple (Piney) 116
Admiral's Fleet (J. Piney) 108	Popple (Piney) 116
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TARANTO, Italy (UPI)—Pope Paul took the ancient majesty of the Roman Catholic church to one of Europe's largest steel mills Tuesday night.

He celebrated a historic Christmas mass for thousands of workers from a gleaming steel altar before two blast furnaces.

Thousands of workers and their families watched the mass, celebrated to demonstrate the church's concern for ordinary working people, in a "cathedral of steel" at Italy's giant Italsider works. The pontiff called for greater justice for working people.

CIVIL, SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Do not think that the church is blind to your needs or deaf to your voice," he said. "The church does recognize the need of justice of honest people... it is not only economic justice, salary, material well-being that the worker needs, but also civil and social justice. And in this demand too the church understands and helps you."

The workers stood in their blue, yellow and green overalls and plastic helmets as they listened to the mass, the first celebrated by a pope in an industrial plant.

ACTIVITY UNFOLDED

Welded figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph adorned the altar.

As the Pope spoke, an inferno-like scene of industrial activity unfolded elsewhere in the plant. Hundreds of workers remained busy pouring hot, orange-glowing molten steel into conduits which belched clouds of smoke.

Two blast furnaces stood only 80 feet from the altar but their fires were snuffed out for the occasion and the great sheet rolling mill turned into a chamber of religious song and prayer.

STARK CONTRASTS

It was a scene of stark contrasts—the ancient rite of the Catholic mass being enacted amid a vast array of metal tubing and girders, machinery and uniformed workmen.

It had been expected the Pope would don a plastic helmet—required by safety rules of the plant—when he toured the premises before the mass, but he

kept on his white skullcap, replacing it during the mass by a tall silver mitre.

The 77-year-old Pontiff, clad in his traditional red vestments, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with steelworkers when he arrived at the entrance of the plant.

"We have always wanted to know of your labors at first hand," he told them. "We will pray for you, your families and destinies as men, workers and Christians."

FIRST IN HISTORY

The first pontiff in history to visit an industrial plant, Pope Paul invited the workers to join with him in reciting the Lord's Prayer and at the end shouted "Merry Christmas!" After chatting with individual workers, he toured the plant and then went to the altar for the mass.

"We all observe this evident fact: that work and religion, in our modern world, are two separate, detached and often even opposing things... this separation and mutual lack of understanding has no reason to exist," he said.

CHRISTMAS MASS

The pope scheduled a flight back to Rome early today for a few hours sleep before celebrating a Christmas Day mass in St. Peter's Basilica. He flew to Taranto earlier Tuesday.



PUBLIC SWIMMING

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25
CLOSED ALL DAY
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

THURSDAY, DEC. 26
10:00 - 12:00 Noon—Public
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.—Adults Only
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.—Public
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.—Public

FRIDAY, DEC. 27
10:00 - 12:00 Noon—Public
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.—Adults Only
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.—Public
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.—Public



Pope Paul

Apollo Feat 'Marvellous'

TARANTO (UPI)—Pope Paul told thousands of Italian steelworkers early Wednesday the Apollo 8 astronauts' voyage around the moon is one of "man's daring, incredible and marvellous feats."

"Honor to those pioneers of the extension of man's intellect and activity," he said.

ESQUIMALT SPORTS CENTRE

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Wed., Dec. 25—
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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!

Thurs., Dec. 26—
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Fri., Dec. 27—
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
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7:45 P.M.—2 Games Only 7:50

Father and Son or Daughter Night. Children 25c with parents.

Sat., Dec. 28—
10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon
1:45 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
8:15 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Sun., Dec. 29—
1:45 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
8:15 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Coming Events
Wed., Jan. 1, 8:30 P.M.
JAPANESE vs. ALLSTARS

TICKETS ON SALE DAILY

New Drug Combination Halts Leukemia Stage

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—St. Jude Children's Research Hospital reported Tuesday that 21 out of 24 youngsters with leukemia in advanced stages, have responded to a new combination of drugs formulated by Dr. Charlene P. Holton.

"The children have a normal bone marrow and blood count," said Dr. Holton. "They are presently free of symptoms of the disease, but no one knows for how long."

She said the children in question all had the disease for six months or more and had been treated with conventional drugs, but had relapsed and were listless in poor condition.

She said after treatment with the new drug combination, most of them went into "remission," a symptom-free condition.

We send our very best wishes to all of you, our customers, our friends... may you have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Robinson's, with stems, 6-oz. jar

Grape Juice Welch's, 49c
24-oz. bottle

Party Dips Lucerne. Assorted. 39c
8-oz. carton

Ritz Biscuits Christie's, 53c
16-oz. package

Dipper Chips Nalley's, 56c
9-oz. package

Nuts & Bolts Tuffy's, 2 for 79c
7-oz. pkg.

Pure Mincemeat Empress, 79c
43 fl. oz. jar

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Safeway Old. 10% Off Reg. Price
Ontario Cheddar. Random Cuts

Monterey Jack Safeway. 99c
Random cuts, lb.

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cuts, lb.

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cuts, lb.

Mozzarella Safeway. Random \$1.09
cuts, lb.

Sharp Club Cheese Safeway. 49c
8-oz. pkg.

Stuffed Olives

Empress. Loose Pack. 65c
Manzanilla. 12-oz. jar

Pitted Olives Town House. Large. 53c
16-oz. tin

Unpitted Olives Town House. 49c
Large. 16-oz. tin

Sweet Mixed Pickles Bick's. 65c
32-oz. jar

Yum Yum Pickles Bick's. 59c
32-oz. jar

Whole Dills Bick's. Without 79c
Garlic. 48-oz. jar

Polski Ogorki Bick's. 49c
32-oz. jar

Pickled Onions Bick's. Fresh 49c
pack. 12-oz. jar

Sweet Onions Bick's. 49c
8-oz. jar

Lucerne Bonus Quality Egg Nog

Rich Cream and Eggs and Spice So 63c
Nice. Qt. Carton

1/2-gallon carton \$1.19

Chocolates Rowntree's Black \$1.98
Magic. 1-lb. box

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Chocolates Patterson's. Assorted. 79c
14-oz. box

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Fresh Bread 6 for \$1.00
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Bel-air Frozen. Premium Quality. cello

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Smoked Oysters 2 for 57¢
Sea Trader. 3½-oz. tins

Party Snacks 2 for 55¢
Kraft. Assorted. 4-oz. cups

Meat Spreads 4 for 59¢
Purina. Assorted. 3-oz. tins

Listerine 89¢
Mouthwash and Gargle. 14-oz. bottle

A.S.A. Tablets 49¢
Safeway. Bottle of 250

Cocktail Mixes \$1.15
Party Time. Assorted. 25-oz. btl.

Butter Rum Mix 89¢
Langis. Hot. 16-oz. btl.

Angostura Bitters 69¢
2-oz. btl.

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Top Quality, Government Inspected Grade 'A' Birds
 Loaded with Tender Juicy Meat. Grown in B.C.

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Grade A 49¢ lb. **Grade A 55¢ lb.**

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Ground Shoulder Safeway Guaranteed. Quality. lb. 79¢

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Orange Juice 2 for 69¢
Lucerne. Tastes like freshly-squeezed oranges. Serve chilled. Quart bottle

Pineapple Juice 4 for \$1.00
Laloni. Fancy Hawaiian. Serve Chilled. 48 fl. oz. tins

Canned Hams \$1.69
Burns. Delicious Hot or Cold. 1½-lb. tin

Fancy Pineapple 4 for 89¢
Enchanted Isle. Crushed, Sliced or Tid-bits. 14 fl. oz. tins

Niblet Corn 4 for 89¢
Green Giant. Tender. Sweet Kernels. Serve Buttered. 14 fl. oz. tins

Edwards Coffee
 Regular or Drip Grind. Vacuum Packed for Freshness.

1-lb. 85¢ tin 2-lb. \$1.67 tin

Mandarin Oranges 2 for 49¢
Town House. 10-oz. tin

Frozen Vegetables 3 for \$1.00
Green Giant, assorted. 10-oz. pkg.

Frozen Green Peas 2-lb. cello 53¢
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Frozen Vegetables 3 for \$1.00
Bel-air. Brussels Sprouts or Broccoli. 12-oz. pkg.

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Lucerne Party Pride Ice Cream
 Holiday Fruit, Peppermint Squares, plus many other delicious flavors.
3-pt. 69¢ ctn.

Lucerne Bonus Quality Fresh Milk
 3.5% Butterfat. 3-qt. ctn. 88¢

2% Milk Lucerne. Same quality. 3-qt. carton 79¢

Sour Cream 62¢
30-oz. ctn.

Whipping Cream 43¢
Lucerne. ½-pt. Ctn.

Skylark Fresh Dinner Rolls
 Made of the finest ingredients.
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 Pkg. of 12
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 White or Brown. Skylark. 16-oz. loaves 4 for 89¢

Fancy Navel ORANGES
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California. Sweet and Juicy. For the Fruit Bowl.

Brussels Sprouts 2 lbs. 39¢
California No. 1 Small Tight, Tender Green Heads.

Local Potatoes 20-lb. 89¢
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Imported. Stuff with Cheese. For Festive Entertaining. lb.

Fresh Yams 2 lbs. 39¢
Imported Canada No. 1

Sweet Potatoes 29¢
California. No. 1 Yellow Jerseys. lb.

Fresh Cranberries 39¢
Ocean Spray. Bulk or Cello. lb.



Courtroom Parade

Time in Jail Adequate For Two Shoplifters

Two persons who earlier admitted shoplifting in Victoria and Colwood and were held in custody for pre-sentence reports, appeared Tuesday in Central Magistrate's Court for sentencing.

Gladys B. Pancake, 46, of apartment 35, 251 Cragowan, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing of two charges of theft under \$50.

Court was told she shoplifted \$14 worth of goods from the Bay. Later investigation showed she had also taken \$23.03 worth of merchandise from Woodward's the same day.

COULD NOT AGREE

Magistrate J. A. Byers told Mrs. Pancake he could not agree with the probation officer's report concerning her reasons for the thefts.

He told her that because she stole from two stores, this cast doubt on any other motive but greed.

He said since she had already been in jail for a week he would suspend sentence, and imposed a six-month \$250 good behaviour bond.

Noel Verville, of 342 Island Highway, held in jail after pleading guilty Thursday to theft under \$50, was released by Magistrate Byers when he appeared for sentence Tuesday.

At an earlier hearing Verville told court he shoplifted groceries Dec. 3 from the Colwood Shop-Easy because he was "short of money", and added, "That's no excuse for it though."

Verville told court he received an old age pension, but rising prices prompted him to supplement that income by shoplifting. Magistrate Byers ruled that the time Verville had spent in jail was adequate punishment for the offence, and released him.

Alice Wilson, 35, of 2721 Henderson, charged with theft over \$50, elected trial by magistrate Tuesday and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

She is accused of shoplifting jewelry and clothing Dec. 13 from The Bay.

Magistrate Byers remanded her to Jan. 30 for trial.

Two men charged separately with vagrancy after being found sleeping in a parked car Sunday, got a free bus ticket home for Christmas, Salvation Army Brig. G. M. Rankin told court Tuesday.

Gerald T. Littlejohns, 42, of Duncan, appeared first and was told the Salvation Army would furnish him a bus ride home for Christmas.

When Andrew C. Thomas, 48, of Wellington, appeared a few moments later, Magistrate Byers told him, "Well, Mr. Thomas, it seems there is good news for you today."

'EXPORT YOU'

A short while later he told Thomas, "The Salvation Army has undertaken to export you."

Magistrate Byers said both men were sentenced to the period they had already been in jail.

Two of three men charged with obstructing a peace officer changed their pleas Tuesday to guilty.

Alexander Jacob, 19, of 3745 Tillicum, and David R. Paul, 21, of 1341 Hillside, pleaded guilty to interfering with constables sent to a Pandora Street

apartment Dec. 14 to investigate complaints of a noisy party there.

Prosecutor Cory Stolte told court the two "gave officers a hard time by being obnoxious." Magistrate Byers fined each \$50, and remanded the third man to Jan. 23 for trial.

Richard Wayne Stanley, 20, of 4435 Narvaez Crescent, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and was fined \$100.

Court was told Stanley was chased by Colwood RCMP at speeds of more than 100 m.p.h. about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Prosecutor Stolte said the

police had their red light on and their siren going, and couldn't catch the accused. He said they finally caught him when he turned up a dead-end street.

Asked by the magistrate why

he had run, Stanley replied, "No real reason."

Magistrate Byers said a recommendation would go to the motor vehicle branch that Stanley's licence be suspended for three months.

Holiday Greetings

It is our pleasure to extend best wishes to our many clients for a most enjoyable Christmas Holiday!

May the joys of Christmas overflow into the New Year and continue to brighten each day that passes.



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RAINCOATS

Famous make, zip-in lining. Reg. \$55, NOW	\$38 ⁹⁵
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Reg. to \$69.50, NOW	\$44 ⁹⁵	Reg. to \$49.50, NOW	\$34 ⁹⁵
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BLAZERS

Blackburn flannel, navy blue, black, olive, Reg. \$55, NOW	\$38 ⁹⁵
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SLACKS

Limited selection, some wool, some lightweights. Reg. to \$19.95, NOW	\$12 ⁹⁵ OR 2 FOR \$25 ⁰⁰
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Tourists Held For Forgery

PANAMA CITY (CP) — Police have seized \$3,200,000 worth of forged travellers' cheques and arrested two Colombians with tourist visas for the United States, authorities announced.

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Metal Fatigue Uncovered In Turbojets

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said Tuesday that safety checks ordered on all F27 turboprop airliners after a fatal crash turned up metal fatigue cracks in the wings of nine of the first 53 planes checked.

The spokesman noted that the still incomplete X-ray examinations of the wings had discovered structural damage in 17 per cent of the medium range planes that are used by seven U.S. regional airlines.

The airlines flying the F27 and its larger, later model FH227, are Northeast, Mohawk, Allegheny, Piedmont, Air West of Colorado, and Wien Consolidated of Alaska.

NOT COMPLETED

But the FAA spokesman said the agency would not be able to identify the airlines that reported finding cracks in the wings until the entire survey of F27s is completed, probably by the end of the week.

The FAA ordered the wings of F27s checked after it discovered

that metal fatigue might have caused the crash Dec. 2 of a Wien Consolidated propjet near Iliamna, Alaska, that killed all 39 persons aboard.

GROUNDING

Six F27s in service with domestic airlines had not been checked when the FAA spokesman reported results of the examination. The FAA, in ordering the check, specified that it be done with X-ray equipment that can pick up tiny cracks in the metal.

All of those planes that showed evidence of metal fatigue were grounded until the damage was repaired.

Fairchild-Hiller, manufacturer of the plane, had objected to the FAA's statement indicating that metal fatigue caused the crash of the Wien Consolidated F27. A company official said that report was premature.

There are a total of 150 F27s in the U.S. fleet, but the FAA order applied only to those with more than 5,000 hours of service.

Midnight Mass Banned

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (UPI)—An anonymous communiqué Tuesday banned Christmas midnight masses in every church of the San Sebastian diocese in an apparent move to prevent "sit-ins" protesting Monday's banishment of lawyers who defended Basque separatists.

The unprecedented ban said the masses were cancelled because of the death of Estaban Argaya, a worker and the brother of Msgr. Jacinto Argaya, San Sebastian's new bishop. But church sources said, "We are not in the habit of calling off masses as a sign of mourning."

The ban apparently was aimed at forestalling a mass protest in the town's cathedral which reportedly was planned for Tuesday night by the wives, relatives and friends of the three exiled lawyers.

Early Monday security police took the lawyers, Juan Maria Bandres, Miguel Castells and Elias Ruiz Deberio, from their homes and banished them to remote villages in southern and western Spain.

Christmas Briefs

Boy Crated for Yule Holiday Visit

THIESHEIM, West Germany (UPI)—An East German teen-ager boy spent four days inside a crate of machinery to reach the West to spend Christmas with an aunt, border police reported Tuesday. Police said the youth, hungry and thirsty but otherwise all right, would spend the holidays with his aunt but may be returned to East Germany if his parents request it.

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VIENNA (UPI)—Descendants of Franz Gruber, who wrote the world's most famous Christmas carol, gathered in Vienna Tuesday night to sing Silent Night on the 150th anniversary of its first performance.

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LYONS, France (UPI)—Eighty construction workers and their families faced a bleak Christmas after bandits, brandishing machine guns, robbed a car carrying \$12,000 in Christmas pay and bonuses Tuesday.

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas (UPI)—Virgin Islanders and debarking tourists rushed to liquor stores Tuesday amid reports the U.S. dock strike could curtail supplies of holiday spirits. The crisis was heightened with the

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unprecedented influx of 9,000 tourists off cruise ships and planes on the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

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TAIPEI (UPI)—Following a call from Christian churches here, police patrolled the city

Christmas Eve to keep revelers quiet and make sure that bars and nightclubs close by 1 a.m. Previously bars were open all night but this year churchmen asked for "economy and sincere worship" on Christmas.

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May the blessings of Christmas shine throughout your home during the Yuletide season, and continue the new year through.

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Our warmest wishes go out to all our many friends, customers and associates this Christmas season.

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EATON'S

SHOP FRIDAY
December 27th
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fashion Clearance

PERSONAL SHOPPING ONLY — ALL SALES FINAL

CLEARANCE — Regular Sizes

Save 1/3

Trimmed and Untrimmed Coats

Styled for the fashion-conscious woman . . . priced to clear! You'll find tweeds, ottoman ribs, wool and mohair blends with trims of fox, mink, lynx, raccoon and muskrat. Many untrimmed coats as well. Sizes 8 to 20 in the group. Reg. 40.00 to 160.00. Clearance, each

26⁶⁵ to 106⁶⁵

Save 1/3

Suits and Ensembles

A high fashion array of two- and three-piece suits and ensembles in wools, double knits and Fortrels. Early shoppers get the best selection of styles, patterns and colours. Sizes 8 to 20 in the group. Reg. 42.00 to 105.00. Clearance, each

28⁰⁰ to 70⁰⁰

Save 1/3

High Fashion Dresses

Daytime or after-five, you'll find the special dress you've been looking for in this clearance group. Wools, Fortrels, silk surrah, Arnel jersey, crepes and brocades. Sizes 8 to 20 in the group. Reg. 20.00 to 45.00. Clearance, each

13³⁰ to 30⁰⁰

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Save 1/3 — Winter Weight Coats

Enjoy the luxury of these warm, beautifully fashioned coats now—at clearance prices! Fabrics include boucles, mohair and all wools in a wide range of fall and winter colours. Most coats have a warm chamois interlining . . . some have generous trims of fur. Sizes 12 1/2 to 24 1/2 in the group. Reg. 65.00 to 125.00. Clearance, each

43³⁰ to 83³⁵

Save 1/3 to 1/2 — Women's Dresses

Stylings to flatter the half-size figure — at clearance prices that call for early shopping! Included in the group are styles for afternoon or after-five occasions. Fabrics are wool, brocades, Lurex and matelasse in a good range of fashion colours. Sizes 12 1/2 to 24 1/2 in the group. Reg. 22.00 to 50.00. Clearance, each

14⁶⁷ to 33³⁵

CLEARANCE — Junior Sizes

Trimmed and Untrimmed Coats

Current styles from our regular stock — includes high-style as well as classic fashions proportioned for the junior figure. You'll find a wide choice of warm winter-weight fabrics, some with chamois interlining, some with fur trim. Basic colours, bright colours, pastel shades in sizes 5 to 15 collectively. Reg. 35.00 to 120.00. Clearance, each

23³⁰ to 80⁰⁰

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Save 1/2

Sweaters, Skirts, Slims, Blouses

Broken sizes, colours and styles — a once-a-year opportunity to find high fashion casual wear at 1/2 price! Sweaters in semi-bulky weights, chanel styles and cardigans. Wool slims, and tailored skirts and blouses that range from frilly to tailored. Shop early for the best buys! Reg. 6.00 to 25.00. Clearance, each

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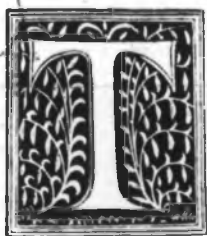
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Filling Father's Shoes

Cruel Pranksters Thwart Busy Girl

Cruel pranksters on Doncaster Drive are thwarting a high school girl's endeavors to fill her father's shoes while he is ill.

For nearly two months now, the 18-year-old girl has held a part-time job, because her father's sick leave from his job has run out.

While her mother has been fighting flu, the girl has spent her few spare hours cleaning up the yard and looking after the house.

Finally, with Christmas getting near, the girl, helped by a college boy, spent a Saturday on a ladder stringing Christmas lights.

The next morning, the bulbs had been filched.

YOUNG PUNKS

The last straw came a little later when, wanting to take her mother to visit her father in hospital, she found someone had let the air out of a car tire.

"It's a pity," said the girl's mother Tuesday that more

young people don't have as much to do with their time as my daughter has.

"Not that I would wish our streak of bad luck on anyone else, but it might teach some young punks to be constructive instead of destructive for a change."

"That Santa Claus is sure some guy," says 11-month-old Sheri Ann Ryan, 3701 Quadra, as she grabs onto an armful of presents while contemplating mass of gaily wrapped packages still to go. Young one's happy attitude will be reflected this morning by thousands of Greater Victoria children who will charge home of family Christmas trees in search of presents with their names tags on. Sheri Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald James Ryan. — (Jim Ryan)

Cheers For Santa

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Sidney, North Saanich Firemen

Volunteers Threaten Mass Resignation

By CLEMENT CHAPPLE

Sidney and North Saanich may be faced with an under-strength fire department seven days from now.

The resignation of Fire Chief Hugh Loney, effective Jan. 1, will bring "mass action" from the 22 volunteer firemen in the department, says W. C. Atkinson, president of the association of the volunteers.

Technically, the fireman cannot strike, since they are a volunteer operation. They can, however, resign en masse. The volunteers hold regular jobs and could leave the firehall—and the two municipalities—untended.

HOLDS LITTLE HOPE

Mr. Atkinson would not comment on the nature of the "mass action" proposed.

Fire Chief Loney said Tuesday that he held little hope of being asked to become a full-time chief before his resignation becomes effective New Year's Day.

He is resigning because he cannot cope with the duties of fire chief and do "justice" to his other job as shipper in a Sidney lumber yard.

The question of whether Sidney and North Saanich should have a full-time chief has brought the two Saanich peninsula municipalities to a deadlock—almost certain to be broken by the firemen's action.

Both councils are playing a waiting game. Sidney is waiting for North Saanich to accept the firemen's demands; North Saanich is waiting for Sidney to take the legal procedures necessary to gain part control over the fire department.

VIGILANCE IN JEOPARDY

The firemen are waiting for Jan. 1 so they can bring the matter to a head. In the process, citizens of both municipalities are in danger of losing—for a time—the fullest vigilance of their firemen.

Sidney Ald. William Gardiner said Tuesday that Assistant Fire Chief Ted Clarke may also resign. This, he said, would bring the provincial fire marshal's office into the dispute.

Mr. Clarke would not comment on the possibility of his resignation, nor did he deny a walk-out might be staged.

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Vivienne

Seen In Passing

Vivienne Chadwick feeding cookies to the dogs in the SPCA for the 11th year. . . (A writer, she lives at 4107 Holland Road. Her favorite hobbies are pets and writing.) . . . Hank and Baby Kaseburg, entertaining friends at Christmas. . . Elaine Corley leaving for Armstrong. . . Dave MacDonald finding a dime at the bottom of a bowl of Christmas pudding. . . Judy Symes full of Christmas spirit. . . Dave Jones and Linda Crosswell enjoying the Christmas season. . . Bob Beavy full of surprises. . . Jim Murphy wishing he had X-ray vision to see through Christmas wrappings. . . Russ and Bruce Beavy decorating their house. . . Tom Edgeware listening for the jingling of bells and the pounding of reindeer hooves.

No Epidemic - Yet

Hong Kong Flu Definitely Hitting B.C.

Dr. J. A. Taylor, provincial deputy minister of health, said today his department has identified Hong Kong flu the variety of influenza currently causing discomfort to many residents in the province.

But, he said, the Hong Kong flu has not yet reached epidemic proportions in B.C. but it probably will become an epidemic.

He said swabs from Chilliwack, Vancouver and Kamloops have been identified by the department's laboratory as the Hong Kong variety of the type A-2 Asian influenza which has been prevalent here in recent years.

Dr. Taylor said the illness has occurred throughout the province but still on a sporadic basis below the epidemic level, but he predicted it would mature into a full-blown epidemic in Canada as it now is in the U.S.

"The point is that being a new strain, people haven't built up an immunity to it yet and that's what makes for epidemics," he said.

Dr. Taylor added that although Hong Kong variety is a relatively mild flu, any influenza can prove to be a serious complication for the aged, the infants and for those with respiratory problems.

Health department medical officer Dr. A. A. Larsen said "It is highly contagious and has the usual symptoms—sore throat, slight fever and general aches, most people say they just feel sick."

Holdout

Solitary House Remains

Only one house still has to be vacated to make way for the Rose-Blanchard public housing project but city officials are hoping it will not be necessary to evict the occupants.

William Coburn, 2640 Blanchard, is the last holdout in the urban renewal area. He has refused the city's offer of \$10,500 for the house and a third appraisal of its value is now planned.

The city has already passed an expropriation bylaw on the property which gives it the right to evict but officials are anxious to do this if it can be avoided.

The matter must be settled by mid-January in order to have the site completely cleared by the end of the month.

Big Qualicum Anglers Can Forget Permits

Anglers need not obtain permits in 1969 to fish for steelhead in the Big Qualicum River, it was announced this week by James Hattor, Fish and Wildlife Branch director.

A government program over the past four years to determine the amount of steelhead taken from the river required fishermen to obtain a free permit and complete a questionnaire.

Results of the study show that 20 to 25 per cent of the fish are removed by anglers. From 1,200

at which steelhead go to sea and return.

This information is obtained by examination of scales and by records of fish caught which are year research will seek the ages marked by removal of fins.

Songhees Band Chief Thanks Contributors

Chief John Albany of the Songhees Indian Band expressed thanks Christmas Eve to Great Fund raised more money than ever before.

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Witnesses Sought In Fatal Accident

Saanich police appealed Tuesday for witnesses to the accident Monday morning on the Patricia Bay highway in which 46-year-old Mrs. Anna Berkes, 456 Goward, was killed about 8 a.m. as she walked across the highway near Dieppe.

She was struck by a car driven by Aline Akenhead, 20, of 408-114 Menzies.

Mrs. Berkes was thrown 150 feet by the impact.

Police said they hope that some of the many motorists who travel the highway about that time of the morning, may be able to furnish them with additional information about the accident.

Turkey In Jail

One good argument for being in jail over Christmas Day is that inmates will do anything but starve.

The four prisoners can look forward to a full Christmas dinner which will include turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetable and plum pudding.

House, Fence Damaged

Cyclist, Drivers Hurt in Crashes

A house, a fence, two cars and two motorists were in need of repairs following an accident Tuesday morning at Bay and Blanchard.

A second accident sent an 11-year-old cyclist to hospital.

Frank Smith, 3918 Cadboro Bay Road, is in satisfactory condition in Royal Jubilee Hospital after a two-car collision at Bay and Blanchard at 11:30 a.m.

Ronald Anderson, 11, of 735 Meaford, is in satisfactory condition in St. Joseph's Hospital with a broken leg after being

struck by a car while pushing his bike across the Old Island Highway at Wilfert at 5 p.m.

Colwood RCMP said the boy was wearing dark clothing.

In the morning accident, police said a car driven north on Blanchard by Wolfgang Meyer, 1025 Burdette, collided with a car driven west on Bay by Frank Smith, 3918 Cadboro Bay Road.

They said the Smith car mounted the northwest corner curb, crashed through a small fence, then struck the corner of a house at 2502 Blanchard.



Car Club Tallies Aid for Needy

Triumphant over collection for needy families, members of Mystic Car Club make tally of groceries collected for Christmas. Club has made collections for past eight years since formation with members like

Larry Jeannotte, Mike Watson, John Humphries and Bill Carmichael making rounds for donations. Eight hampers were delivered through Saanich welfare department this year.—(John Dutton)



Rising Costs Topple Landmark

Wreckers are tearing down St. Ann's Academy, independent school built 103 years ago at New Westminster. It was forced to close last June because sole support from student fees and private donations could no longer meet rising upkeep costs. Steeple-like

tower topped by cross, shown here, was landmark overlooking Fraser River since 1865 and will be demolished between Christmas and new year. A \$2,500,000 highrise apartment block will be built on the site.

Flavor Booster Cause Of Chinese Meal Woes

TORONTO (CP) — Doctors say they have discovered the cause of "Chinese restaurant syndrome"—an ailment many suffer from but have kept secret until recently for fear of being laughed at.

The malady is also known as "Kwok's quease" because it was first described last spring by Dr. Robert Ho Man Kwok in the New England Journal of Medicine.

He wrote that every time he eats in Chinese restaurants he experiences numbness or burning in the neck, arms and chest, accompanied by weakness and palpitation.

Many persons wrote to the publication in response to Dr. Kwok's description, confirming the existence of the malady and saying they also experienced pressure in the eyes, tears, sweating and a feeling the head was about to burst.

The attack occurs about 20 minutes after the meal begins and lasts about 45 minutes.

The Canadian Medical Association Journal reports in its current issue that two researchers at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, have traced the cause of Kwok's quease to monosodium glutamate, a condiment used by cooks to intensify flavors. Their find-

ing was confirmed by the New York University School of Medicine.

There is no preventative, but no serious after-effects, the Journal says.



Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, 1728 Fairview, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary today. To mark occasion, they will be at home from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Couple came here to live from Horse Creek, Sask., six years ago. They have one son, Don, and daughters Mrs. Don Mann and Miss Norma Smith in Victoria, and another daughter, Carol Smith of Moose Jaw, Sask.—(Leonard Holmes)



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ERMA BOMBECK's Tears Don't Fall

Determined Twig Friend's Legacy

This is my Christmas column. It doesn't have anything to do with wise men, chestnuts on an open fire, or kids in Dr. Denton pajamas. It's about a woman and a tree.

The woman was from China who became my neighbor several weeks before a Christmas five years ago. The tree came with her house. It had been given a builder's promise to provide shade within two weeks, but it stood spindly and crooked and swayed everytime a car went by.

We share something, this woman and I. I offered friendship and a box of Christmas cookies (which is usually interpreted as an act of aggression). She returned warmth and bits of culture which heretofore had been foreign to me.

In typical Yankee enthusiasm I was bent on her conversion to American Suburbia. I would show her how to make pot roast, feed three children for three years on 18 glasses of peanut butter and how to get the chenille marks off your face in less time than it takes for your husband to get from the car to the front door.

It backfired, of course. Within a month I was serving hot pot, making my own egg rolls and eating with chopsticks. We talked a lot... of her home in Formosa after she had fled China, her mother, Eugene O'Neill, John Steinbeck and what Chinese calendar I'd have to live by to take three years off my present age.

One day I saw her at the tree. "Why don't you do the decent thing and give that tree a Christian burial," I said sarcastically. She shrugged her shoulders, "It'll grow."

Later, she was on her hands and knees staking it. A spring came and went and the tree got to be a joke between us. I'd say, "When are you going to take your leaf? You trying to kill your crab grass?" "It's improving," she'd yell back. She fertilized it in the fall and planted pecunias

around it in the spring. I even heard her shout to her son one day in Chinese and I saw him let go of one of the limbs. (I don't know what she said but they always understood her better than my children understood English.)

One day as we sat in her kitchen I pointed toward the twig and said, "How does it feel to live in the only wooded plot in the area?" She smiled. "Didn't you ever hear the line one of your American authors said? 'If I were to die tomorrow, I would plant a tree today.' Haven't you ever heard a tree is like a

child? It's a legacy... a hope. It's the part of you that grows after you are gone."

My friend died, but somehow I cannot cry for her. Tears are for someone whose life had no meaning. I think she was sent here to this strange soil to nurture a spindly tree that refuses to die. All I know is every time I pass that damned, scrawny twig that bends with the winds but hangs onto life I remember her and I am filled with love... awe... and hope.

I think that's what Christmas is all about.

Wary Xmas To All

LONDON (AP) — More unmarried British girls take pregnancy tests after Christmas than in any other time of the year, a laboratory director said Tuesday.

Dr. Brian Block, director of a group of laboratories which surveyed thousands of women this year, said:

"The Christmas party must be one of the most dangerous events for unmarried girls."

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Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: I'm a teenager and one of the luckiest people on earth because I haven't been caught. I began to shoplift about a year ago. I was with a friend who picked up two tubes of lipstick in a drugstore. It looked so easy I decided to try it.

To make a long story short,

I have shoplifted \$47 worth of items from a big department store (I kept track). A few weeks ago I began to feel ashamed of myself. I also began to break out in a cold sweat every time I passed that store. Yesterday, I decided to make a New Year's resolution: No more stealing.

I have \$39 saved and I want to send it to the store. I'll send the rest when I can. Please tell me how to go about returning the money without giving myself away. Does this make any sense to you? — NEW LEAF

Dear New: Yes, it makes a lot of sense. Send the money (well wrapped so it doesn't show through the envelope) to the store's credit manager. Enclose a note saying, "This is part payment for merchandise I shoplifted. The balance will be sent later."

And now, I have an idea. Between us we could start a national trend toward honesty. I suggest that every person who is shoplifting — and wants to quit — follow your lead. Mail to the credit manager of a store you've stolen from, as much money as you can spare. It will serve as a symbol of "The New Leaf."

If the credit managers who receive these envelopes will let me know the names of the stores, I will publish them. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I heard from every one of the 50 states?

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I were married two years ago in Washington, D.C. It was a hurry-up affair in the judge's chambers because my fiancé was leaving for Vietnam and received his orders suddenly.

Both of us regret that we didn't have a church wedding with all the trimmings. We

have decided "better late than never." We want to be remarried on our third anniversary and invite all our relatives and friends to a real honest-to-goodness, bride-and-groom affair — new rings, satin gown, rice and the works.

My mother blew her stack when I told her. We have a little daughter now and my mother says no woman in her right mind would have a fancy church wedding after she has had a child. I think she is being very narrow-minded and old-fashioned.

Please print your answer so my mother can see it. — WHEELING, W. VA.

Dear Wheel: I'm printing your letter so YOU can see it. Doll, I agree with your mother.

Nazi Victim Free To Stay One Year

LONDON (Reuters) — British authorities Monday decided to allow a crippled Polish woman to stay in Britain for a year but confirmed an earlier decision not to grant her political asylum.

Nina Karsow, 28, was named "political prisoner of the year" by the organization Amnesty International.

Miss Karsow was crippled at the age of two with injuries suffered while in the hands of Nazis.

A spokesman for the home office said Miss Karsow was

denied asylum because Britain was not the first or only place where she could have applied for refuge.

Miss Karsow went to Austria from Poland and, as a Jew, is entitled to residence in Israel, a home office spokesman said.



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Men's Fashions Won't Be Butch

By EUGENIA SHEPPARD
NEW YORK — Designing is turning into bigger business every day. Five years ago, Kenneth J. Lane was just starting his costume jewelry business. He thought if there weren't enough takers his spectacular shoulder-length earrings would trim a marvelous Christmas tree.

This winter K.J.L. has just moved into his own East Side town house. He keeps his evening dates in an antique Rolls-Royce. His business enterprises not only cover this country but span the big cities like Paris, London, Rome, Milan, and Athens, where he knows all the amusing people.

A town house was always Ken Lane's dream, and it came true faster for him than for most people. The only problem is that he hardly has a minute to enjoy his living room with the pigskin covered walls, the zebra rug, the tiger and cheetah pillows, the inlaid English table, the Venetian bronzes and the antique pieces of sculpture.

He was born a collector. Even back at school in Detroit, he was always in debt for something beautiful that he couldn't afford.

Now his treasures are all together, but he's hardly ever at home. "If there isn't a party, I get a guilt complex and call up some old friend I haven't seen for a long time. I consider dinner with six friends a quiet evening."

K.J.L. spent Thanksgiving in London and had his turkey dinner with Ambassador and Mrs. David Bruce. For Christmas he'll be in Bali with fashion editor Robin Butler and Glenn Birnbaum. They'll celebrate New Year's Eve in Ankor Wat and drop in on the Maharani of Jaipur in India before they come home.

Travel isn't frivolity. It's a refresher and a source of inspiration. He has a quick eye for copying the precious jewels women all over the world are wearing.

In Europe last year, Ken

Lane started with one boutique on Beauchamp Place in London. He's shopping for a second London location. His boutiques opening any minute in Rome, Paris, Milan, and Greece are all under the management of Ralph Fields.

In this country Ken will soon be designing everything but women's clothes that he swears he'll never try. His label, though, will be on every kind of fashion accessory for women — gloves, handbags, scarfs, lingerie, perfume.

He will design a complete men's collection, including suits, ties, and shoes. One of Fifth Avenue's big stores has signed already to open a Kenneth J. Lane men's boutique.

"They will be less butch than the Bill Blass clothes for men," he says. "A kind of rich hippie look. I think you want to have fun."

Costume jewelry, though, is still the foundation of the business. He is always adding

and subtracting from the collection.

"There's no peace any more," he says of his life. "People keep telling me I should go public; it's the glamorous thing to do, but I don't know."

Bill Blass's men's fashions, at least, will soon be listed on the stock exchange board. K.J.L. believes. Besides collections for both men and women, Bill also designs

luggage, scarfs, raincoats, and bathing suits.

Jacques Tiffreau has just announced plans for a men's collection.

Oscar de La Renta has his hand in scarfs, furs, and bathing suits. He has a new contract for costume jewelry and is on the verge of signing for a men's fashion collection. He also opened a store in his native Santa Domingo six

months ago. That bit about taste and talent starving in a garret is

really out of date. They're paying off better and bigger until it finally goes boom.

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Christmas Allows No Generation Gap

Families Build Traditions

By MARY TAYLOR

PORT ALBERNI — If you've been puzzling your head for years, trying to decipher the true meaning of that partridge in the pear-tree bit, give it up. It finally dawned on me that it probably evolved from somebody's old family tradition at Christmas.

Family traditions grow up in a variety of ways, but for Christmas ones, who needs a rhyme or a reason? Not our house!

To be honest, I never realized how many traditions had become established in our household until the family grew up and got married.

At this stage, according to psychologists, parents are supposed to be suffering from something known as "the empty nest syndrome." Obviously the deep-thinkers who dreamed that one up never heard of all the in-laws that accrue when children marry, or the grand-children who shoot almost overnight from dimpled darlings in bunny-bags to mod grade 1 students in turtle-necks and the leather look.

Plus all the other assorted people, alone for various reasons, that you asked for Christmas because you thought you'd have loads of extra room for added guests this year.

Empty Nest?

Empty nest? If anyone knows of a vacant one, we could happily rent it to accommodate the Christmas overflow.

One of the things we thought we'd discard this year is our tradition of filling stockings for all those too old to believe in Santa, who still like the thrill of small surprises on Christmas morning. But when the suggestion was made, you'd have thought we wanted to eliminate the turkey.

"No stockings?" exclaimed our mother of three, almost in tears, "but that's the only place I get things I really didn't know about at all. You can't mean no stockings?"

So the stockings stay. Only instead of just three for teenage girls, there are three more for sons-in-law, one for great-grandma, one for a bachelor friend who shares our turkey, two for newcomers from Eastern Canada, and of course, there's the matter of one each for ourselves.

Gala, Grand

I did have plans to do something a little different about the tree this year. Something gala and grand, I thought, perhaps all in gold and silver. But of course, the tree would be real and green. That's a tradition.

Sorting out the decorations proved the end of the new decor.

"Look, I remember when you bought each of us one of these gold bugles." "And there's my feather angel" said another.

Somehow over the years,

Pink Washroom Decor Blasted

IPSWICH, England (CP) — The girls at a Suffolk telephone exchange, who didn't like the idea of a white decor in their new powder room, asked the post office to change it to pink and that made Tory MP Keith Stainton see red. He discovered the color change would add 40 per cent to the construction cost. "I consider this would be a frivolous waste of taxpayers' money," he said.

the tradition grew that each year, three special ornaments were added, one for each of the girls. A Christmas treat that also helped replace those that got squashed or demolished during the festivities each year.

So up went all the old glass baubles on top, and the unbreakable ones lower down where grand children can't hurt themselves if they grab at them.

Somehow in the shopping, I just couldn't resist three new ornaments made of pine cones. . . . A jolly Santa on skis, a bright-winged angel, and a cocky little bird. Possibly an extra fat partridge from a pear tree?

At least, I expected to be able to do something new and different about the front door. Something original and eye-catching, as outlined in every women's magazine I've picked

up since October. I should have known better.

"But we always have boughs and holly and red ribbon on the door."

"It's bad enough we can't come till Boxing Day, but at least have it looking like Christmas when we get there!" was one daughter's cry when I expounded my bright ideas for the door.

Bad Old Days

Little does she know now that tradition was established. It stems from the bad old days when money was scarce. The three had to be purchased on a lot, instead of cut from our own back acre. Even the branches that had to be trimmed were saved and used for decoration. Hence the now traditional door decor.

And this I suspect is how many Christmas customs grew. From that mother of all

practical creativity, necessity. Like the family which has been passing the same Christmas card back and forth since the hungry 30s, with small additions as the years allowed, so that it now costs 35 cents to mail it. Some money-saver that turned out to be. But still, it's now a tradition.

Still haven't figured out just how the partridge in the pear tree became a tradition. But we have a pleasant tale that nests near ours. And every year, when it snows, and on Christmas if it's green, we have established the tradition of feeding him and his faithful wife, plus innumerable juncos and flickers and other feathery friends who left their trip south a little late.

Extra Place

It began because we had spare Christmas tree one year, and it snowed. So we stuck up a tree for the birds as well. Bad years, like this one, they have their daily feast set on the top and in the shelter of the old picnic table, in among some small fir trees, instead of on a special Christmas tree.

Another tradition stems from stories of my grandmother, who always set an extra place at the Christmas table for the Christ-child and it never went unfilled by someone.

How short a time it takes for a five-generation tradition to evolve!

So if you come looking for our house this Christmas, forget about looking for anything unusual or original in inside or outside decorations.

It's the little brown and cream house with the same familiar lights around the windows, and the front door, with a holly sprig, fir cones and a red ribbon bow.

Just like last year, and the year before that and before that and before that . . .

To Those Who Have Nothing Give Whatever You Can

SURREY (CP) — To the man who has everything, give nothing.

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The Domany children range in age from six to 24. The Indian boy, Daine Eric, is four and the Korean girl, Mi Sook, is nearly three.

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By Jack Tippit



"Would anyone be upset if I dropped out of ballet class?"

Trip to See Santa Little Girl's Last

OTTAWA (CP) — The year-old Joanne Leclair was killed here Monday when she was run over by a 20-ton cement truck on her way home from visiting Santa Claus.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Yvette Leclair, who is separated from her husband

and has seven other children ranging in age from four to 15, says she thinks Joanne got separated from an older school friend and tried to get home on her own.

The girls had gone out to visit Santa and look in some department stores.



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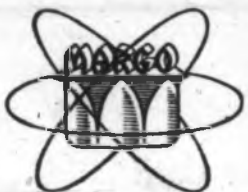


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Wine Rule Fought

MONTREAL (CP)—An appeal will be filed Friday on behalf of Chateau-Gai Wines Ltd. against a court ruling ordering the company to pay "moral damages" of \$75,000 to 15 French shippers of champagne.

Mr. Justice Claude Prevost of the Quebec Superior Court ruled Monday the Canadian company, whose head office is in Niagara Falls, Ont., must stop labeling its sparkling wines "champagne" and pay the damages.

STATUTE VIOLATED

Mr. Justice Prevost decided the company had violated a 1933 Canadian statute stipulating that the term champagne must be used only as a "term of origin."

A spokesman for the Montreal law firm of Martineau, Walker, Allison, Beaulieu, Tetley and Phelan, which represented, Chateau-Gai in court, said one of the reasons for the appeal is that the company labelled its sparkling wines "Canadian Champagne" in compliance with a Canadian federal regulation of 1957.

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The action was taken by the French shippers on grounds that the champagne label is limited in France to the products of specified grapes grown in clearly defined areas in the former Champagne province and processed in accordance with what is known as the Champagne Method.

The French interests could have taken the court action in Ontario but chose to launch the case in Montreal. Chateau-Gai has a branch office in suburban Lachine from where the company's products are distributed throughout Quebec.

Tobacco Outlay Bigger

OTTAWA (CP)—Despite Health Minister John Munro's announced intention to step up the attack on cigarette smoking, the federal government now spends more on encouraging growth of tobacco than on helping people to kick the habit.

In a statement last week, Munro urged strong legislative action ranging up to an outright ban on cigarette advertising.

A 20-page brief from his department said it is time to move beyond its \$200,000-a-year anti-smoking education campaign.

However, a federal agriculture department spokesman confirmed Tuesday that its research division has a \$333,399 budget for a tobacco-testing station at Delhi, Ont.

Neither Munro nor Agriculture Minister H. A. Olson were available for comment on the apparent conflict between the programs.

Union Wants Conciliator

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Vancouver-based Office and Technical Employees Union has applied for a federal conciliation officer to settle a wage dispute with Canada Freightways Ltd. The union has represented about 25 company workers in Vancouver since 1964, and early this fall was granted federal certification for about 100 more in Alberta, northern B.C. and the Yukon.



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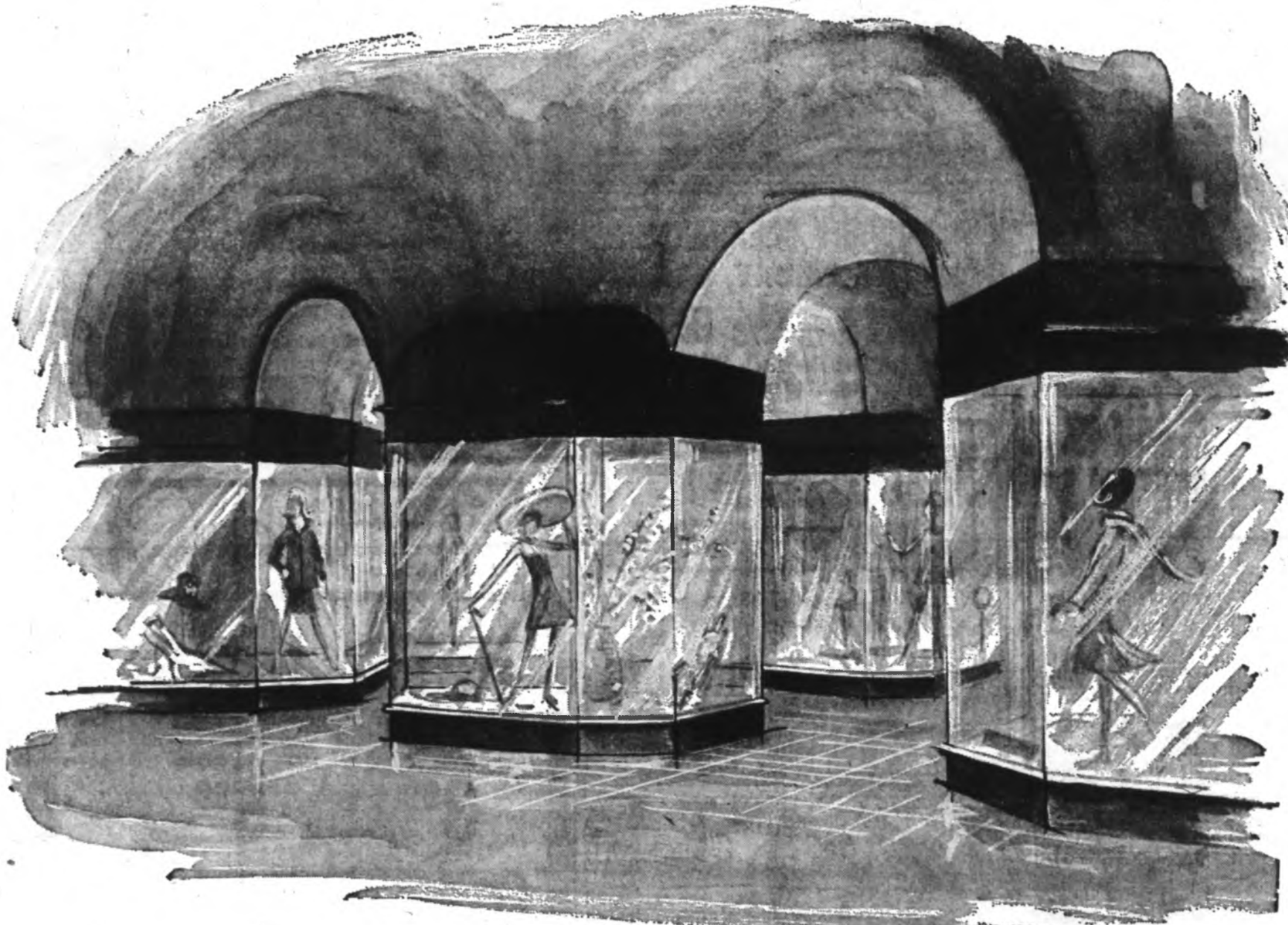
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CHICAGO — Lawrence Tillotson, 30, and his wife, both returning from a Christmas party, found their children had locked the door to their third floor apartment. Rather than disturb them, Tillotson went around the back and in the darkness, chose the wrong window to climb in. Mistaking him for a burglar, James Lacey, 58, fired six shots, two of which hit Tillotson. His chest and arm wound will keep him in hospital over the Christmas season.

PRAGUE — Deputy Minister Ota Sik turned down an appeal from Czechoslovak leaders that he return from self-exile in Switzerland. In an open letter



Sik

published in a Prague newspaper, Sik said he had not defected to the West but will remain in Switzerland. He asked the leadership to make legal his stay there.

TORONTO — Randall Bosley, 21, a college student from San Diego, Calif., was sentenced to nine months definite and six months indeterminate for possessing \$30,000 worth of marijuana found in parcels with Christmas wrappings. Judge Charles Oppen refused a suspended sentence and said a prison term would deter Americans from bringing drugs to Canada for sale.

PITTSFIELD, Mass. — Mrs. Arthur Fell of Pittsburgh lost her purse with \$40 in it nine days ago and when the purse was found, the money was missing. Christmas Eve she got \$40 in the mail with no explanation and no return address.

OTTAWA — Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., has opened an office of industrial co-operation and named G. W. Fletcher, 47, its director. The step was taken to meet expansion of domestic the overseas markets for nuclear power station materials and components.

KEY BISCAYNE — President-elect Nixon made a Christmas Eve visit to coed Barbara Mackie, recuperating from being kidnapped, then settled down with his wife, Pat, and oldest daughter, Tricia, to celebrate Christmas.

VANCOUVER — An appeal against the British Columbia Supreme Court ruling that confirmed A. D. Peter Stanley as continuing receiver of five firms of the Commonwealth Trust group will begin soon, lawyer Graham MacKenzie said.

LONDON — Author James Kennaway, whose novel *Tunes of Glory* was made into a movie starring Alec Guinness, was killed in an automobile accident, friends of the writer said. Kennaway, 40, was reported involved in a four-car accident on a highway near London after leaving the home of actor Peter O'Toole.

BORDEAUX, France — Bernard Marlon, 28, father of two, received a new heart in France's 10th heart transplant operation.

After Hippie Robbery

Donations Ease Blind's Plight

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — The "meanest man" has turned what would have been a meagre holiday into a wonderful Christmas for a blind Milwaukee couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Northrop were robbed of all their Christmas shopping money—\$53—last week by a man who claimed to be a hippie.

MEANEST MAN
The story of the robbery and the description by Kenneth J. Marple, deputy inspector of detectives, who called the robber the season's "meanest man," appeared in newspapers around the world.

Christmas cards and letters, all containing money, have been received by the Northrops from every state—except Hawaii—and Europe as well. By Christmas Eve, the Northrops had received at least \$350.

"This is not charity," said a letter from a Westwood, N.J., teenager, who enclosed five \$1 bills. "It is a humble apology for the actions of one of my peers."

PAY OFF MORTGAGE
The Northrops said they will use the gifts to help pay off the mortgage on their home and buy some things they need for the house.

Northrop, 33, and his wife, Carolyn, 29, have an eight-year-old son.

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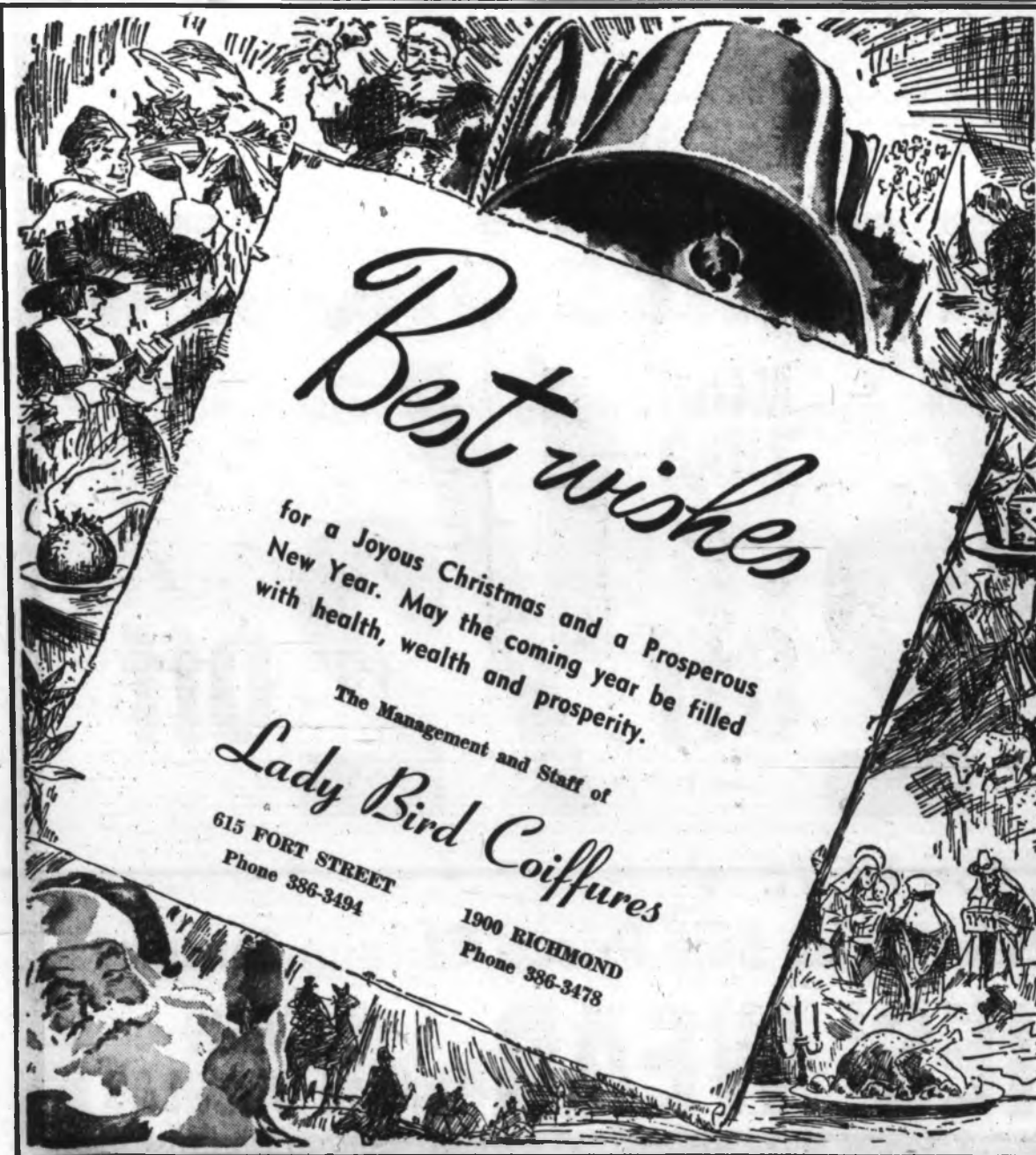
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Health Plan Share Delayed In New Brunswick

OTTAWA (CP) — New Brunswick will be unable to enter the medical care insurance program April 1, an informed source here said Tuesday.

The source said the province lacks the administrative machinery to enter the federal-provincial program on that date.

He also confirmed that New Brunswick is having difficulty finding the funds to finance its share of medical care costs, which would be 35 to 40 per cent.

REVIEW

The province is reviewing a number of programs that might, with some changes, qualify for federal funds.

This would allow New Brunswick to budget more of its own money for medical care.

Finance Minister L. G. Des-Brasay of New Brunswick discussed the situation with federal Health Minister John Munro here last week. Munro and Premier Louis Robichaud also discussed it earlier this month.

NO TARGET DATE

New Brunswick passed enabling legislation Dec. 6 to permit the province to enter the medical care plan, but set no target date.

Estimated cost of operation of the first year of the plan was set at \$21,553,000, with the province's share of the cost \$9,068,000.

Raising this amount is said to be New Brunswick's main problem, since the province already has a budgetary deficit.

The federal source said that charging a premium for medical care insurance isn't considered feasible in New Brunswick.

Other choices include a higher sales tax or an income tax surcharge.

Ottawa, anxious to help New Brunswick enter the plan, is reported to be looking into a way to build the equivalent of a premium system into the province's tax system.

CHANGE PROGRAMS

This could be done through alteration of provincial programs to allow them to qualify for federal funds. One area mentioned is welfare, where the province could qualify for help under the Canada Assistance Plan by meeting certain requirements.

British Columbia and Saskatchewan already have entered the medical care program, which came into operation July 1, and Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Manitoba intend to join April 1.

FUNDAMENTAL AIM

A fundamental aim of the legislation is to allow poorer provinces like New Brunswick to provide a service they could not afford alone.

The federal source said New Brunswick is aiming at entry in 1969, but April 1 now is out of the question because the province lacks an administrative staff and the registration system needed to operate.



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Stanfield Angry

Liberal 'Trap' Draws Retort

OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield reacted with a blistering statement Tuesday to Prime Minister Trudeau's comment that the opposition may have walked into a trap in the Commons rules debate.

He said the Conservative party will continue to stand its ground against the debate-limiting Rule 16 A, and suggested it was the opposition, not the government, that won last week's round.

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Tadanac Joins Trail

A provincial cabinet order-in-council Tuesday officially merged the district of Tadanac with the city of Trail.

The order authorized acceptance of surrender of the two municipalities' letters patent and authorized issue of one new set covering both. The merger was originally set forth in the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act, passed at the 1968 session of the legislature.

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Alliance Assures Fight

OTTAWA (CP)—The 115,000-member Public Service Alliance of Canada has promised the government an all-out fight to ensure that some 300 railway mail clerks retain their seniority rights.

In a statement Tuesday, the alliance, bargaining agent for the clerks who are gradually being removed from trains and switched into mail-sorting operations in post offices, said it will "take every action possible" to protect the clerks.

The problem arose from the post office department's contract with the Council of Postal Unions after a summer strike in which the council won assurance that anyone entering their bargaining unit would start at the bottom of the seniority lists.

The lists affect the nature of duties and such things as when an employee must take his vacation.

A department spokesman said Tuesday negotiations are continuing with the alliance and council in an effort to reach an equitable settlement.

Meanwhile, the alliance has sent telegrams to Postmaster-General Eric Kierans and Treasury Board President C. M. Drury protesting reclassification of the railway clerks before full consultations have been completed.

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Pill Creating Problem For Many Husbands

NEW YORK (AP)—A doctor [women, but this, in turn, is helping to liberate and sexual powers of some husbands the passion of some husbands.

Writing in the January Ladies Home Journal, Dr. Robert W. Kistner, a gynecologist, said:

"Wives have complained to me about their impotent husbands who developed this difficulty only after they started on the pill."

UNPREDICTABLE
While many couples have rejoiced over the freedom and spontaneity the pill has given their marital relations, he said, "many husbands have stated that they prefer their wives unpredictable, sometimes refusing, sometimes demanding."

"Apparently some husbands are pleased when their wife refuses to have intercourse," he stated.

NO MOOD

The article characterized some American husbands as "mentally and physically spent and in no mood to satisfy his newly libidinous, pill-taking wife. Combining the problems of stress with excessive smoking, over-indulgence in alcohol and the use of certain drugs, such as amphetamines, the American male is lucky if he can become aroused at all."

A marked increase in the wife's sexual appetite, accompanied by her overt demands, is received by the husband as a threat to his masculinity and undercutting the traditional male role, Kistner said.



Wrapping No Gift

"Christmas wrapping" was no gift for Chicago's Roger Cheers. Store guard is credited with saving five persons from fire which broke out on first floor of women's clothing store, panicking some customers and employees on second floor of establishment. —(AP)

Queen Speeds To Help Tug

LONDON (Reuters) — The new Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth II changed course during its maiden cruise in the Atlantic Tuesday for a 25-mile dash to the aid of an Irish tug, the Francis Hallinan.

The liner, one of several ships which heard the tug's distress signal saying that its boiler room was flooding in heavy seas, was the first to reach the vessel 30 miles off the Irish port of Cork.

The tug now is under tow by

the Dutch tug Groningen, heading for England.

The giant Queen Elizabeth II, on final acceptance trials with 700 Cunard employees and their families aboard, resumed its voyage when told assistance was no longer required.

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Cabinet Speeds Port Rail Link

The provincial cabinet has passed an order-in-council speeding construction of a rail route to the Roberts Bank port development on the Lower Mainland.

The order, issued Tuesday, simply deleted rule 13 of the B.C. rail regulations.

A check showed the rule was one requiring municipalities involved to pass bylaws authorizing construction of new rail trackage alongside existing highways.

Frank Richter, commercial transport minister, said the cabinet had made the B.C. Hydropower and Power Authority applicable under the Railway Act "but didn't change the ruling at that time."

The new order was passed "so they can move on their way without having to wait to go to bylaw."

"We want to get on with calling tenders and so on," Richter said.

"We don't see any particular problem but when a rule is there you have to make the necessary amendments to be legal."

Asked if the change was a step toward development of service corridors on the Lower Mainland, Mr. Richter said "more or less."



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Her Merriest Yet

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New Benefits For Railmen

MONTREAL (CP) — A new two-year collective agreement reached with Canada's two major railways provides 75,000 non-operating railway workers with extra welfare benefits as well as wage increases, a union official disclosed Tuesday.

R. C. Smith, chief negotiator for eight unions representing the non-op workers, said employees will receive a 6 1/2 per cent wage increase Jan. 1, 1969, and another 6 1/2 per cent effective Jan. 1, 1970.

Announcement that an agreement had been reached between the unions and the CNR and CP Rail was made Monday night by Labor Minister Bryce Mackasey. But terms of the contract were withheld until new members were advised.

The new agreement comes into effect at the expiration of the old contract Dec. 31.

The unions had sought a 32 per cent wage increase spread over two years. Average hourly rate under the present contract is \$2.78.

The new settlement was reached nine days before the end of the existing contract.

Card Mailings Cut By Costlier Stamps

Christmas-card mailings were down approximately 900,000 in Victoria this year, Post Office officials said Tuesday.

The figure given is 1,800,000 cards mailed this year compared with 2,700,000 last year.

Over-all, mailings were down about 3 1/2 per cent. First-class mail was up 14 per cent and first-class metered mail was up 16 per cent.

Incoming mail, over-all, was down about 1 per cent from last year.

"I do believe it is down because of the postage increases," said Ken Stoffer, post office information officer.

Stranded Penniless in Denver

Good Will Shown Canadians

DENVER (UPI) — Eleven French-speaking Canadians, expecting to spend Christmas penniless and thousands of miles from home, found out what the Christmas spirit means Tuesday when Denver residents offered them money to go home or jobs if they wanted to stay.

The 11 carpenters were promised good pay, 10 months of steady employment, travelling expenses, room and board and a round-trip Christmas vacation if they came to the United States on a contracting job in November.

They became stranded when the contractor who brought them here left town, owing them \$3,400 in wages.

QUICK REACTION

Denver residents learned of the 11 Canadians' troubles early Tuesday. By noon, the Canadians had collected about \$500 in donations for a trip back home, promises for more cash, offers for Christmas dinners, and offers for temporary and permanent employment.

The spokesman for the group — English-speaking Charles Roy — will be one of the 11 going home.

"My wife just had a baby and I want to see them," he said. "The others who won't go home will be working on temporary jobs."

Money came in from mostly anonymous donors Tuesday.

"One man walked into the

Central Bank and Trust in Denver and told a bank official that he was a client and sent him over to give us \$100," Roy said. "One man also called and said 'I'm a wealthy man and I can help you. I'll send over some money to your hotel.'"

The 11 have been staying at the Bellevue Hotel in Denver without charge.

"I wouldn't turn them out in the cold," explained manager Christine Hollen.

BIG JOB OFFERED

A job offered to the men was as well received as the money. Bob Storey, a Denver contractor, offered the 11 a sub-contract on 500 apartments being constructed in Denver. Roy said he would be back to work Monday — along with the others — to start on the job.

Their original employer, who brought them to Denver some 2,300 miles from their home in St. George, Debeauce, Quebec, left town Friday 13. He told them he was flat broke. Ten of the original group of 21 eventually made it back to Canada. The rest searched for work in Denver, but were unsuccessful, since only two could speak English.

Golds

LONDON (AP) — Monday's closing gold prices in U.S. dollars at major markets: New York, \$35.25; Zurich, \$41.67; Hong Kong, \$33.23 (94.5 thousand).



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Book Gives Twisted, Biased Interpretation

McNaughton Prestige Suffers

By E. S. MALONE

The ill-adviced publication of a book giving the views of the late General A. G. L. McNaughton, dealing with his removal from command of the Canadian army and the subsequent Second World War conscription issue, before all the facts could be studied and made public is indeed unfortunate. In particular it is unfortunate for General McNaughton's own prestige. The book, now being published in serial form, gives a very twisted and biased interpretation of many war-time incidents.

It attacks the integrity, character and honor of many of our finest leaders, some of whom are now dead. It imputes to them motives, beneath contempt, which will be apparent when the complete records are finally made available to historians from our archives and departmental records, in England as well as Canada. In the interest of accuracy and fairness these attacks on men of such character as the late Colonel Ralston, Field Marshal Alanbrooke, General Paget, General Stuart, Field Marshal Montgomery, and even Sir Winston Churchill cannot be allowed to go completely unchallenged.

This new book charges that early in the war "the politicians" started "to sharpen their knives" to destroy Gen. McNaughton. The truth of the matter was that most of these men tried desperately to support Gen. McNaughton, even beyond the point when it became obvious to most higher authorities and commanders that Gen. McNaughton was not capable or qualified as a field commander.

Both Sides

When the full records come to light it will be established that Gen. McNaughton himself was playing both sides of the political street, negotiating with both Conservative and Liberal party leaders in Canada to seize political office in his consuming desire to destroy Col. Ralston, Gen. Stuart and others for reasons of revenge and pride, at being removed from command for reasons which were fully justified. The truth of the matter is that although Gen. McNaughton did make an enormous wartime contribution towards organizing the Canadian army he did not have the capacity or temperament to command in battle and the very men he attacked did everything possible to let him down easily and cater to his vanity.

At the time Gen. McNaughton was secretly negotiating with Prime Minister King, to replace Col. Ralston, the defence minister (at the price of publicly opposing conscription), Mr. King was fully aware that Gen. McNaughton was also privately negotiating with the Conservative party, which was demanding conscription. With a view to defeating the Liberal government and taking over himself either as leader of the Tory party or as the new minister of defence and thus deal with Col. Ralston, Gen. McNaughton was holding talks with John Braeken, the Conservative leader, and other members of the opposition and such leading Tories as the late George McCullagh, publisher of the Globe and Mail.

General Fails

Over-riding his own better judgment and overestimating his own popularity, Gen. McNaughton assured the prime minister and the public that, as defence minister, he could obtain the needed recruits by voluntary methods where others had failed. Not only did the general fail to obtain his recruits but his reputation was badly damaged both at home and with the troops overseas by his anti-conscription stand and his repudiation of Col. Ralston. He also failed to be elected to Parliament and finally had to order the "zombies" sent overseas himself and thus publicly concede that Col. Ralston's assessment had been correct. It will be recalled that earlier Mr. King had repeatedly assured both Col. Ralston and Parliament that, if voluntary methods failed to produce the necessary reinforcements, he would bring in conscription for overseas service. When Col. Ralston tried to hold Mr. King to this promise, the prime minister dismissed Col. Ralston and in the same breath announced Gen. McNaughton's cabinet appointment.

Out to Get Him

Gen. McNaughton's vanity completely blinded him to his own shortcomings as a field commander and his self-justification took the form of a persecution complex, amounting almost to a mania. Very early in the war he became obsessed with the delusion that the senior British and Canadian commanders, his own minister and even the

R. S. Malone had the unique wartime experience of serving as a staff officer under General McNaughton overseas, was for a period staff secretary to minister of defence Colonel Ralston, on General Curran's army staff and then senior Canadian liaison officer to Field Marshal Montgomery. This together with a close personal relationship with other leading figures such as General Price, Montgomery, General Stuart, Field Marshal Alexander and others gave him an intimate knowledge of the Second World War problems dealt with above.

The hierarchy, McNaughton, is by John Sweetman, a historian with the Canadian War Museum. The two-volume work was published by Ryerson Press with a commendation in the Canadian magazine.

British secretary of state for war were "out to get him."

At one famous confrontation, however, he did in fact concede that all "the other fellows were right," and he retracted an over-emotional signal to Mr. King.

None of these factors is mentioned in the new book McNaughton but it is fortunate that very complete records were maintained of the many reports, signals, meetings and conversations on these events at the time, which will in due course set the record straight.

During these important periods of the war, the writer, as staff secretary to the minister, had the privilege of being present during the first meeting between Col. Ralston and Gen. McNaughton at a Canadian army hospital and also at several subsequent meetings.

Facts Missed

As senior Canadian army liaison officer on Field Marshal Montgomery's staff, the writer was also fully acquainted with the various discussions and signals respecting Gen. McNaughton's removal while Col. Ralston was in Italy. These facts were also later confirmed in lengthy discussions after the war not only with Field Marshal Alanbrooke and Montgomery but also with Col. Ralston shortly before his death, and such persons as the late General Price, Montgomery, who commanded Canadian military headquarters in London, and George Currie, Canada's deputy minister of defence, all of whom were fully aware of the actual facts.

It would have been better had many of these painful events been allowed to die a natural death over the years, but the current publication of Gen. McNaughton's views which unfairly smear the integrity of men of Col. Ralston's character cannot now remain unanswered.

False Charges

Among the many false charges in the book it is

recorded that the British, supported by the Canadian Chief of General Staff and Col. Ralston, were determined to break up the Canadian army and place the formations under British command, against Gen. McNaughton's advice.

The truth is just the reverse. It was the wartime Canadian cabinet which insisted that Canadian formations be uprooted from southeast England and given battle experience in Sicily and Italy before the Normandy invasion. This was a very proper request from Canada, and, contrary to Gen. McNaughton's claims, it was the British and Americans who opposed this step of removing more divisions from England. This is all a matter of official record.

But rather than bow to the wishes of the Canadian government in this, Gen. McNaughton could only see this in the light of a personal vendetta to remove him from command.

In Wheelchair

In his period of high command in England Gen. McNaughton tried to take unto himself powers far exceeding his actual authority. The writer was present at the first official meeting in England between Gen. McNaughton and the late Col. Ralston, Canada's minister of defence. Gen. McNaughton arrived complete with motorcycle riders, riding boots, ribbons and red bands, accompanied by an impressive group of staff officers. Col. Ralston in a faded hospital dressing gown and crimped hair, was wheeled into the meeting in a wheelchair.

The meeting started with Gen. McNaughton standing at one end of the table reciting all the arrangements and commitments he had made with the British and other allied forces, the changing about and reassignments of units and the constituting of new units (all without Ottawa's knowledge or approval).

Personal Enemy

He continued on with total disregard for any views his minister might have, almost arrogant in tone. Finally from his wheelchair Col. Ralston brought the recital to an abrupt end with the words: "General, these are all decisions that will be made by our government in Ottawa, not by you."

There is little doubt that it was from this point that Gen.



Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton

McNaughton's hatred of Col. Ralston developed. His vanity did not allow him to see his own power restrained in any degree even from the cabinet level. To him Col. Ralston had become a personal enemy.

In the book McNaughton it is also stated that Col. Ralston was jealous of Gen. McNaughton's popularity. Anyone who had any personal knowledge of Col. Ralston would realize the futility of such a charge. Few political figures in Canada's history have ever been so retiring from the public eye, so self-effacing and so devoid of vanity.

Speaking with intimate knowledge of the facts, the writer can record that it was Col. Ralston himself who urged the publicity buildup of

Gen. McNaughton to give Canada a rallying point, a Kitchener, to help morale and recruiting. Magazine articles were arranged, press photographs of Gen. McNaughton, a picture of him on the front page of Time magazine, a film sequence in The March of Time movie, etc., these were all under Col. Ralston's direction to give Canada a national hero in Gen. McNaughton.

Ralston Retiring

These are hardly the actions of a jealous man. At the same time Col. Ralston resisted repeated efforts to have himself speak on national and Empire broadcasts or to become a public figure. He adamantly refused, time after time, to take any action in public which might possibly have himself over-shadowing his own chief, Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

It is also charged that Field Marshal Alanbrooke "chose to disregard Canada's constitutional right to keep her troops intact" and "did not sympathize with our autonomous state." Again the writer can testify and the records will establish quite the contrary. It was in fact Field Marshal Alanbrooke who first opposed the breaking up of the Canadian army to send formations to Sicily and Italy despite the wishes of the Canadian government.

Similarly it will be established that he fully recognized Canada's need to have a Canadian army commander and he worked hard to make this possible as did "Monty" when it became necessary to remove Gen. McNaughton.

Units Reunited

Again it was Field Marshal Alanbrooke who personally urged and worked to have the Canadian formations all brought together again under a single Canadian command as soon as the units from Italy came north through the south of France.

Claims are also made that Field Marshal Alanbrooke made "slurring remarks" about Gen. McNaughton in Washington so that Canada's General Stuart would over-hear them and that this "ambitious lieutenant-general" passed them along to Col. Ralston and Mr. King.

Here again the story is quite inaccurate. In point of fact, Gen. McNaughton's "lack of fitness" to command in the field had been well recognized in England much earlier and had been the subject of consultation between Gen. Paget, Field Marshal Alanbrooke, Mr. Grigg, the British war secretary and Prime Minister Churchill. There were no aside remarks dropped at Washington.

Stuart Too Old

The record will show that Field Marshal Alanbrooke specifically and frankly asked as to how Canadian authorities regarded Gen. McNaughton's capacity as a field commander. These exchanges

were quite properly continued and examined later in London between Col. Ralston and Field Marshal Alanbrooke. As far as Gen. Stuart being ambitious (presumably for Gen. McNaughton's job), this is quite ludicrous. Gen. Stuart as Canada's chief of the general staff was already Gen. McNaughton's superior. He was also too old and not physically fit to serve overseas in the field. He had nothing to gain from Gen. McNaughton's removal. To the contrary it presented him with a most serious problem in finding a qualified replacement for Gen. McNaughton to command the army in action. Anyone giving the matter even a second's thought would realize that a British general on his own initiative would not formally suggest the removal of Gen. McNaughton, the senior overseas officer of a non-British Commonwealth country, without the very fullest prior consultation on the highest military and political levels. It is a matter of record that both the U.K. secretary of state for war and Prime Minister Churchill were consulted and examined all the facts.

Facts Checked

In recording the late General McNaughton's claim that he was removed from command for reasons of politics and jealousy, the book fails to mention the following essential and fully recorded facts.

In the light of Gen. McNaughton's transparent inability properly to command large field forces in England, painful consultations and reviews of this situation were carried out between the British chief of the Imperial General Staff, Prime Minister Churchill, Mr. Grigg, secretary of state for war, and Gen. McNaughton's immediate superior, the general officer commanding 21 Army Group, General Paget.

It was their considered and recorded view "that McNaughton could not be accepted as a commander in the field. He neglected many of his chief responsibilities as commander, was interested largely in mechanical rather than the human side of command, was excitable and very highly strung, or in other words lacked most of the attributes of high command." Both in direct statements as well as in written form, to Gen. McNaughton, Gen. Paget is officially recorded as advising Gen. McNaughton that he did not consider him "fit to command in the field." Field Marshal Alanbrooke concurred in this view. In his opinion Gen. McNaughton was more concerned in bridging experiments and weapons than in his command function.

King Agreed

Prime Minister King is also on record at the time as wholly agreeing with the need for Gen. McNaughton's removal and also being "deeply grateful" to Col. Ralston for handling this most difficult situation.

Gen. McNaughton's highly emotional and unstable nature was clearly confirmed in an irrational signal over the heads of his superiors and his own minister direct to Mr. King. In his message he refused "to continue in command of a Canadian army responsible to a government of which Col. Ralston (minister of national defence) was a member" and charged that Col. Ralston was "mean and despicable." Accordingly he placed his resignation in the prime minister's hands.

To save Gen. McNaughton the embarrassment of publicly disclosing the true situation, the government did not accept his resignation at that time. Instead some months later, when Gen. McNaughton was ill in hospital, the government accepted his subsequent resignation on grounds of sickness. That Gen. McNaughton



Field Marshal Alanbrooke

was truly a sick man at that time is also a matter of official record as reported by a senior medical officer and endorsed by the senior medical consultant of the Canadian army.

Sick Leave

Gen. McNaughton then voluntarily asked to be relieved of command on grounds of ill health and was granted sick leave back to Canada. He again immediately repudiated this on landing in Canada. When asked by the press about his health, he angrily replied that there was nothing wrong with his health and that the press should ask Col. Ralston about it. In the ensuing weeks of his sick leave, he held secret meetings with leaders of the Tory Opposition about entering politics to attack and defeat the Mackenzie King government on the conscription issue.

This was well known to both Col. Ralston and Mr. King. Then, despite his public statements that there was nothing wrong with his health, he brazenly wrote to Col. Ralston requesting an extension of his sick leave, saying his doctor certified that he was still not fit. This request was generously granted by Col. Ralston, who made no effort to expose or humiliate Gen. McNaughton, which he might easily have done.

Told Bluntly

A further illustration of Gen. McNaughton's erratic and contradictory behavior is recorded prior to his return to Canada, when a very frank meeting was required between Gen. McNaughton and his immediate superior in the field, Gen. Paget. At this time it was necessary to tell Gen. McNaughton bluntly the reasons why he could not continue in command.

The Canadian CGS, Gen. Stuart, was a witness at this meeting. Gen. McNaughton then recognized and accepted the verdict, acknowledging that Gen. Paget and Field Marshal Alanbrooke were right, also that his own emotional messages to Mr. King were "based on a false premise and misunderstanding."

ing of the facts." He also conceded that Col. Ralston "had been entirely straight in the whole matter."

He then sent a further signal to Mr. King accepting the situation and agreeing to carry on till his successor could be selected and to support Col. Ralston loyally.

As the book clearly shows, the general's pride and vanity on his return to Canada again completely reversed his judgment and he at once began political negotiations toward revenging himself on all his imagined enemies, the very men who had tried to support him.

Sad, Futile

A further sad and futile chapter has now been added to this tragic story with the posthumous publication of Gen. McNaughton's views. Herein, as though bitterly reaching from the grave, is a further attempt to smear and damage the reputations of Col. Ralston, Field Marshal Alanbrooke, Gen. Paget, Gen. Stuart, Mr. Grigg and many other men of high character. Fortunately their reputations require little defence. In the case of Col. Ralston, while he did suffer from too painstaking attention to detail, which he fully recognized himself, his honor and integrity were beyond all question.

Anyone who really came to know him, either in the First World War when he commanded his regiment in the trenches or in his civilian life as one of Canada's leading lawyers, in his political career as a member of Parliament, as a minister of finance or as our wartime minister of defence, held him in the highest esteem. The following view is by one of his oldest associates, George Currie, his deputy minister in the Second World War and his comrade in the trenches of the First World War:

"I know of no man whom I have admired more for his honesty and integrity than Ralston; on occasion his conscience caused him to bend over backwards." This was also the verdict of all who were in a position to know the real story behind the Ralston-McNaughton incidents.



McNaughton and Stuart in happier times

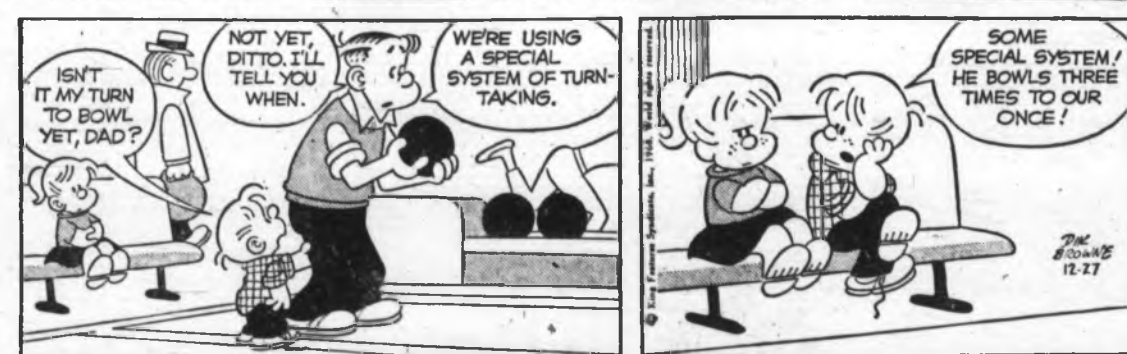


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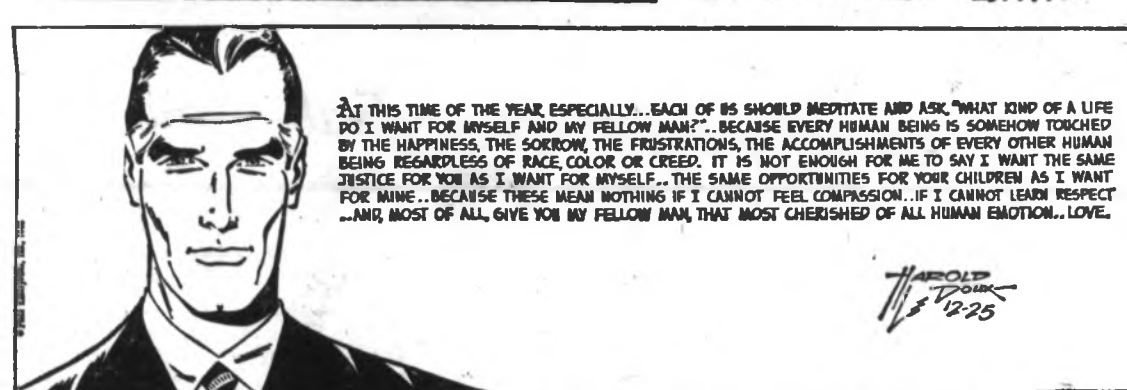
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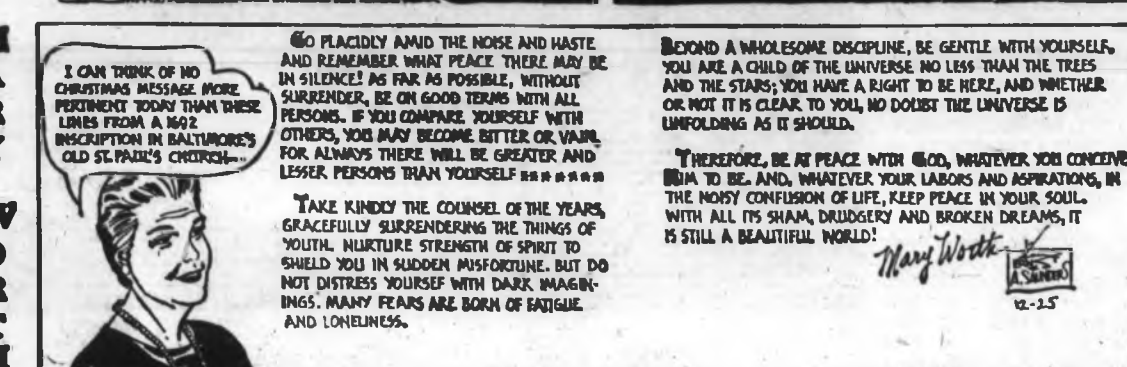
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A Seasonal Digression

How It All Began

By M. V. CHESNUT

Far back in the mists of time, when our ancestors lived in caves, winter must have caused something close to panic. The shortening of the days, the long nights, the withering of leaves and flowers, the shortage of food, all seemed to point to perpetual darkness, ever-increasing cold and an end to life. Small wonder that the passing of the shortest day became a time of rejoicing — of looking forward to the return of warmth, leaves and crops.

Early man celebrated this event in various ways — in some cultures by human or animal sacrifice — giving thanks to the mysterious powers that governed the universe for the lifting of apparently impending doom. It became the custom, too, to gather evergreen branches at that time to decorate altars and dwelling places, all part of the magic that would ensure the return of spring.

Down through the ages this custom prevailed. In Rome, citizens sent evergreen boughs to their friends during the festival of Saturnalia, celebrated at the time of the winter solstice to propitiate Saturn, god of the harvest. These gift boughs were hung in halls and houses where later there were strange pagan feasts, rituals and the wildest of orgies.

When the early Christians selected a date on which to celebrate the birth of Christ, again they picked the time of

the winter solstice — a time of hope and rejoicing and renewed faith — and the practice of decorating with evergreens and holly was continued.

The use of mistletoe also goes back to pagan times. In ancient Britain, the Druids gathered its branches from the oak in a solemn ceremony, distributing its twigs among the assembled worshippers. The mistletoe had to be cut by the archpriest himself, using a golden knife, and was caught in the outstretched robes of the priests below.

If a piece touched the ground, it was considered a bad omen. The mistletoe twigs were taken home and hung up as a safeguard against evil spirits and as a protection for the following year's crops.

The rite of cutting the mistletoe coincided with the ceremony of fire. Under Druid law, the ancient Britons were compelled to put out all their fires on the eve of the winter solstice. Only the priests were allowed to keep their fires going, and they exacted toll in the form of gifts from those who came to renew their fires for the coming year.

In effect, this was a form of extortion, for dire penalties were imposed on those who disregarded the proper and ritual way of obtaining fresh flames. To carry the fire, logs were dragged to the priest's holy fire and, when these were alight and smouldering, they were towed home. This was the origin of the Yule Log.

Even earlier in history, the mistletoe was acquiring a legendary reputation in the Scandinavian countries. When the Norse god Balder was protected by his mother Frigg from the four elements — fire, air, earth and water — all the plants of the earth were made to promise not to harm him. But the mistletoe, being not of the earth, was overlooked, and jealous Loki fashioned a dart from mistletoe wood and induced blind Hoder to shoot it. It struck Balder, who fell to the ground dead.

If remorse, the mistletoe became a plant of peace, and a twig of the parasite was used as an emblem of peaceful intent, just as the olive branch symbolizes peace in the southern countries. A bit of mistletoe was received with a kiss of welcome and friendship — a custom we have appropriated to our own good ends.

To the gardener and the farmer, then, Christmas is far more than just a happy holiday. In common with the cave man clad in skins, the citizen of the Roman empire, the Viking of the north and the tree-worshipping Druid of ancient Britain, it is a turning point of the year — a time when the miracle of the lengthening days gives clear proof that spring will again return to the land and that God still loves the world.

To all my fellow gardeners, a very Merry Christmas!

ART BUCHWALD Pauses for Commercials

May Everything Be Perfect

At this holiday season, my thoughts turn to all of you, particularly those who spent so many hours of their days and nights watching television, and, of course, the commercials.

These are my holiday wishes to all of you:

May you never have iron-poor blood or an Excedrin headache. May your breath always be fresh, so your kid sister won't hand you her mouthwash.

May you never perspire in case someone in the family has stolen the underarm deodorant. Grant that your stomach may always be free of demons and that your right sinus passages will be open and clear.

I pray that your children will never be in the group that has cavities, and if they couldn't brush after every meal, God grant that you had the wisdom to choose the right toothpaste.

I ask if you have dentures that they never slip out of your mouth, and may you

come back to the side that chose the correct hair dressing.

May you never be lacking in breakfast cereal vitamins and may your tresses be so silky and shiny that your husband will have to take you along with him.

May your bra be firm and your girdle comfortable and may your support stockings make your legs feel elegant and strong.

I pray that your cough will never keep you awake and that your soap will give you 24-hour protection. I also wish your facial cream will make you feel young again, and a dove will land on your dispen hands.

May your shaving cream soften your beard, and may you get more shaves with your blade than with any other comparable brand. May a girl wrestle you to the floor after you use a certain after-shave lotion.

Moreover, may your cigarettes always be mild and contain less tar, and may

your beer always be cold and refreshing.

I wish all men clean white shirts, free of ring around the collar, and as for wives, may your pie crusts be flaky and your catnip run slow.

Grant that your refrigerators will always have enough ice, and that your oven cleaners will do their job in a jiffy. Pray that moths fear your closets and your mosquitos drop like flies.

May your sandwiches always be freshly wrapped, and may peanut butter never stick to the roof of your mouth.

I trust the wax will stay on your floor and the stains on your furniture will disappear in seconds.

Furthermore, I wish you a friend at your bank and a loan to tide you over your troubles. And, perhaps, if your bank turns you down, may your fingers find a local finance company in the yellow pages.

May you have a specially-trained insurance agent to help you plan for the future, and if lightning should strike

your house, may he be waiting for you with a cheque at the door.

Grant that your dog gets the right proportion of meat and cereal in his food, and that your cat has enough nourishment to keep his coat healthy and clean.

Would that the new car you buy provide speed, comfort and safety for the whole family, and never be recalled to the factory because of a warranty.

I pray that you never get a flat tire on a dark highway and that you never get stuck in the snow because you used the wrong gasoline.

May your spark plugs spark and your battery never run down. May you win thousands of dollars at gas station sweepstakes, and may station always be able to rent a car with clean ashtrays.

Finally, I wish each and every one of you instant tuning, a clear ghost-free picture, and on this holiday may all your television tubes be bright.

SYDNEY HARRIS Points Out Defects

Real Spirit of Christmas

(Reprinted by Request)

Everyone says that what is wrong with Christmas is that it is "too commercial" — but that is not the trouble. What is wrong with Christmas is that it is "too spiritual" — in the wrong way.

The commercial aspect of Christmas can easily be ignored or repudiated by anyone who wants to take this holiday seriously. But the false "spiritual" aspect is harder to separate from the true message.

The three wise men, and the star of Bethlehem, and the babe in the manger, and the mystery and the miracle — all these make it tempting and easy for us to forget what the whole story is about. And the whole story — the whole message of the whole messianism — can be summed up in two sentences from Jesus' own lips:

"If anyone says 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar." (1 John 4:20).

"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40).

This is what Christmas — the mass of Christ — must mean, if it is to mean anything. If it does not mean this to us, then what we worship is superstition and idolatry.

You cannot love God without loving every fellow creature He made; and an act of contempt or

rejection or injustice or neglect toward the least — the lowest, the poorest, the weakest, the dumbest — is an act against Him. If Christianity does not mean this, it means nothing.

If this central fact is ignored or slurred or rationalized away, the whole structure of Christianity falls apart, and we are left with nothing but another primitive "magic" religion.

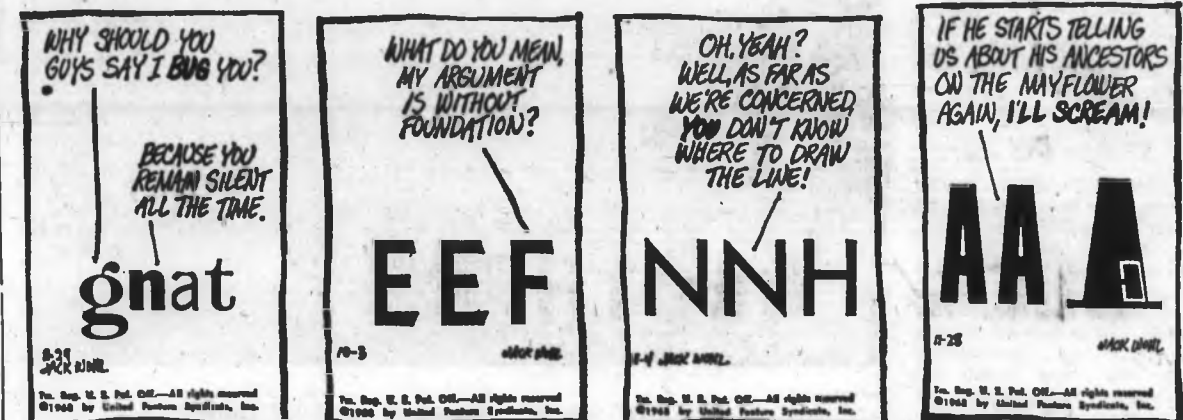
And it is not the impious, the pagans and unbelievers, who must be most on guard against forgetting this message. It is the believers, the "spiritual" people, who mistake form for substance, prayers for performance, worship for practice.

For Christianity is not a "spiritual" religion, like some religions of the East. It is an intensely "practical" religion, having its moral roots in the practicality of Judaism. It was not designed to change the way men think or believe as much as to change the way they act.

It is easy to think Christmas, and easy to believe Christmas; but it is hard — sometimes intolerably hard — to act Christmas. It is not our false commercialism that prevents it, but our false spirituality. Not the clang of the cash register, but the jingle of bells, calling us to sentimentality, and seducing us from the grim, patient, year-around task of brotherhood.

PIXIES

By Wohl





The Brothers Ryan: That's Jim on right

New Organization Students' Aim For Universities

The University of Victoria will be represented at a meeting Jan. 11 and 12 of student representatives from universities and colleges across B.C. at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby.

to form a new student organization.

Rob Walsh, student society president at SFU and the man who called for the conference, said he had received replies promising delegates from at least seven institutions.

Mr. Walsh said the new organization was not being formed to oppose student radicals, but to "face up to the real issues without any personal or ideological ambitions."

Savings Go Down Drain

HONG KONG (AP) — Chan Yu-yun's life savings went down the drain. "I thought it was the safest hiding place in the world," the 38-year-old maid told police as she tearfully recounted how she had hidden \$800 worth of gold ornaments in the drain pipe of an unused toilet. "Then a plumber working in the building pulled the chain."

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Christmas Baby Plans Ahead

By JIM RYAN

Will the real Jim Ryan please sit down?

Delighted, say I.
For this year, my annual birthday-Christmas message of goodwill to fellow Victorians, is a shared venture with my big brother, Don.

He may be a year older than I am, but there the difference ends — and the trouble begins. It's no wonder I'm short on birthday cards at Christmas. People keep wishing Don

Happy Birthday, thinking he is me.
This may confuse you. But think what it does to me. I'm one of those rare birds — a Christmas baby.

Although Don was born on a Sept. 13, every time December 25 rolls around, people go up to him and say: "Happy Christmas-birthday, Jim."

Don thinks that's just great. He gets to have two birthdays a year. Half the time, I don't even get one.
By the time the morning of December 25 rolls around and

I'm unwrapping presents, the fact I was also born that day gets lost in the shuffle of red, white and green tissue paper and gaily-colored seals.

One or two faithful Victorians with long memories always make a point of phoning to wish me double greetings.

For Don, it's a bonanza. The fact he is a photographer, also, doesn't help to untangle the mixup.

"How are you, Jim?" they say to Don, whenever he goes out on a job. Whenever I turn up, they remark: "How are things, Don?"

But at Christmas — whoeee! Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday, Jim, they tell him.

To me? It's a ho-hum nothing. I've finally thought up a sure-fire way to beat this annual jinx.

You see, Don weighs about the same as me (give and take 20 pounds off my 280); stands six-foot, two inches tall, and even looks like a twin.

So, for my New Year resolution (an awe-inspiring one at that), I've decided to lose weight.
It's easy. I go on diets all the time. Of course, I've never

actually lost weight before, but perhaps this time it will work.

For the 1968-model Jim Ryan, a sylph-like figure I'll become. At a fetching 180 pounds, nobody will mistake me for my brother.

I can't wait for Christmas, 1969.

I just know I'll be deluged with birthday cards, cakes and greetings — and they'll reach the right Ryan, too.
But for this year, I'll have to stand bashfully by as well-wishers make a bee-line for Don with: "Happy birthday, Jim." Wait until next year, though.

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White Christmas for Canada

Manitoba Skies Sunny
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By THE CANADIAN PRESS

It will be a white Christmas for most Canadians this year, but in some areas the snow may be pretty scarce. In southern areas on the east and west coasts the ground will be bare.

Northern and western Newfoundland, where it has snowed several days this month, are expected to get another heavy fall overnight.

But southern and eastern areas of the island province can expect little more than light snow at best, and may get rain, falling on already bare ground. Snowflurries are forecast for overnight in Nova Scotia.

KEEP IT THAT WAY

But it could be a green Christmas for most of southern and central New Brunswick where heavy rain Monday night washed away the snow except in some deeply-blanketed northern sections.

Quebec has been heavily covered in snow for most of December—Montreal has had more than 62 inches in the last six weeks—and snowflurries are forecast to keep it that way.

Light snow in Northern Ontario areas and clear, cold weather in the south should ensure snow for most Ontario children.

FROZEN SNOW

But while that snow may be several inches deep in the Ottawa area, Toronto residents cannot expect more than the frozen one or two inches already on the ground from Sunday night's fall.

Sunny skies and below-zero weather are forecast for southern Manitoba but no snow is expected to whiten the dirty dusting of one to two inches now lying on Winnipeg streets.

Saskatchewan and Alberta, already blanketed in snow, may get snowflurries overnight. Temperatures, which fell to 39 below in Lac La Biche, Alta., early Tuesday, are expected to

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By GOSSARD

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By PETER PAN

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View of desolate moon from Apollo camera

Christmas Eve Moonside

The 'vast
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you realize just how much you have
back there on Earth'

Apollo Heads Home

- World gasps in relief, admiration. Page 3.
- Future lunar landing site looks good. Page 3.

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)—Apollo 8's three astronauts, in a dramatic Christmas Eve broadcast from the "vast loneliness" of moon orbit, recited the ancient biblical story of creation Tuesday night as their spacecraft floated over the dead lunar landscape.

Then, after 10 orbits around the moon that climaxed mankind's greatest voyage, Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders blasted safely away and began the three-day journey back to earth—a "grand oasis in the vastness of space."

The "burn" to go back toward earth occurred at 10:10 p.m. and the astronauts reported all was well 15 minutes later.

"Please be informed there is a Santa Claus" Lovell's cheery voice came down to Earth a few minutes after Apollo 8 fired its rocket engine, pulled out of moon orbit and headed 230,000 miles back to earth.

"And God created the heavens and the earth . . ." Anders earlier intoned from the Old Testament book of Genesis while the world watched the cold, harsh landscape of the moon's Sea of Tranquility moving under the spacecraft window.

Then his fellow astronauts took up the recitation.

"Good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas and God bless all of you, all of you upon the good earth," closed Borman. A short while later, at 8:55 p.m. PST, the astronauts were given a "go" to blast away from the moon and return to the Earth they called an "oasis" compared to the nightmare terrain of the moon.

The critical firing of the spaceship's main rocket was to kick them back toward a splashdown Friday in the Pacific.

The astronauts of Apollo 8, broadcast for half an hour on Christmas Eve, from 69 miles above the ugly surface of the moon, 230,000 miles from a re-joining earth.

"The moon is a different thing to each of us," mused the deeply religious Borman, who earlier broadcast a prayer "for all the world" that the day of peace might soon come.

"I think that each one carries his own impression of what he's seen today," said Borman. "I know my own impression is that it's a vast, lonely, forbidding . . . expanse of nothing."

"It certainly would not appear to be a very inviting place to live or work," he said.

Lovell said his thoughts were similar, "on the vast loneliness up here on the moon. It's awe-inspiring. It makes you realize just how much you have back there on earth."

"The earth from here is a grand oasis in the vastness of space," said Lovell, who has more hours in space than any other man.

Anders said the lunar sunrises and sunsets impressed him most, for they "bring out the stark nature of the terrain." Then the crew went into minute description of the moon's surface, only partially visible on television screens on earth.

Almost without warning at the end of the broadcast, Borman said "Apollo 8 has a message for you."

"... In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth, and the earth was without light," came Anders' voice. Through the window, bathed in harsh sunlight, the moon slowly moved by.

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Genesis From Space

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (AP) — Here is the text of the Bible reading, the first 10 verses of Genesis, read by the three Apollo 8 astronauts in lunar orbit:

Air Force Maj. William A. Anders: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said 'Let there be light.' And there was light. And God saw the light, and it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness."

Navy Capt. James A. Love, Jr.: "And God called the light day. And the darkness He called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said 'Let there be a firmament' and God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

Air Force Col. Frank Borman: "And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place. And let the dry land appear. And it was so. And God called the dry land earth. And the gathering together of the waters called He seas. And God saw that it was good.'"

Then Borman concluded the Christmas Eve telecast by saying: "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you, all of you on the good earth."

Quiet Overtime Strains Experts

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (UPI) — The tension was so thick it was almost solid during the agonizing 5 minutes 38 seconds between the time Apollo 8's radio beam came from behind the moon and the first time the homeward-bound astronauts spoke their first words today.

Flight controllers strained to their consoles in the Houston mission control centre. Five men clustered around the medical console where the heartbeats of astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders would first show up.

The three-minute rocket firing to leave lunar orbit and start back home was the most critical point of the flight. If the engine had not worked, the astronauts would have

been stranded at the moon facing certain death.

Ground controllers picked up Apollo 8's radio signal on schedule after the burn, at 10:20 p.m. PST, but the signal only told them the spacecraft had come from behind the moon. They got no word about the engine firing.

But for five minutes after some word should have been received, all that came over the 230,000 miles between earth and the moon was harsh static. Repeated calls to the moonship went unanswered.

Then came the cheery voice of Lovell: "Apollo 8, over. Roger, please be informed there is a Santa Claus."

Capsule communicator Tom Mattingly on the ground replied: "You're the best ones to know."

45 Aboard

18 Spared In Crash Of Plane

BRADFORD, Pa. (AP) — An Allegheny Airlines propjet with 45 persons aboard crashed into a hilly and heavily wooded area Tuesday night while trying to land at Bradford Regional Airport.

Rescuers said 18 persons survived the crash, but the fate of the others was not known.

Jim Long, first assistant chief of the Bradford fire department and in touch with the rescue team, said people were trapped in the twisted wreckage.

He said metal cutting equipment and blankets were being rushed to the scene, just a few miles south of the New York state line in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The plane plowed into the heavy woods then flipped on its back.

SURVIVORS' BONFIRE

There were first reports that the craft had caught fire, but rescuers on the scene said the fire was a bonfire lit by the survivors to help guide rescue workers to the downed craft.

The plane was spotted from the air by the pilot of another Allegheny Airlines craft that was landing at the airport. The craft, en route to Bradford from Cleveland, relayed the fire report to the tower.

Of the 18 people hospitalized, one was in serious condition at Bradford Hospital. The others were reported in good condition.

That's The Ticket

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The poor of Rome received an unusual Christmas present from Pope Paul Tuesday when he announced the church would redeem all the clothing and blankets the needy had pawned during the year.

Vatican officials said that the pontiff had ordered that the cost of the items pawned this year be paid by the church.

Spokesmen made the announcement after the pawnshops had closed for the day, so as to preclude a rush to pawn more goods.

Navy Zips Lips on Captivity

Pueblo Families: 'Glorious' Reunion

● North Korean aim: embarrass United States. Page 9.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The crew of the Pueblo came home from imprisonment in North Korea this Christmas Eve to a tears-and-joy reunion with loved ones who awaited them 11 agonizing months.

The 82 officers and men of the captured intelligence ship—victims of terror and beatings, their skipper said—poured from two big Air Force jets at Miramar Naval Air Station and were overwhelmed with affection by about 170 wives, children and parents.

The ship's officers were cautioned not to discuss the Pueblo's capture.

Newsman were kept at a distance and not allowed to interview individual crewmen.

The Pueblo's captain, Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher, 41, thanked



MRS. RONALD REGAN, wife of California governor, dabs at eye during welcoming ceremony for Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher and his crew of Pueblo on arrival at San Diego.—(AP)

everyone for a "glorious homecoming ceremony."

His executive officer, Lt. Edward R. Murphy of San Diego, said the men "came out of this thing with amazing morale," and gave a description of daily life in North Korea.

There was no large scale recounting of adventures and experiences.

Rear Adm. Edwin M. Rosenberg, in charge of returning the crew to the United States, told a news conference the crew would have to answer questions about the capture and their detention before and official board of inquiry and "they should not be put on trial here."

Earlier at the airport, Bucher was interrupted

quietly several times by Vice Adm. Allen M. Shinn, commander of the Pacific Fleet Naval Air Force. Persons standing close to the speaker's stand said Shinn urged Bucher to skip details of the ship's capture.

President Johnson, mean-

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Next Paper Saturday

There will be no editions of The Colonist either Thursday or Friday mornings as the staff observes Christmas Day and Boxing Day holidays. The next edition will be Saturday morning.

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Children Caught in Magic of Christmas Day

Santa Claus has come and gone, leaving Christmas Day with all its magic excitement to children, like these three—Christine McCallum, eight, sister Carlie, six and little brother Jack, two. Gifts under tree at last are unwrapped in a flurry of curiosity. Pent-

up anticipation bursts into noisy, happy chatter. Glitter and twinkle from Christmas tree lights and ornaments are reflected in wide, shining eyes of youngsters everywhere.—(Klaus Muentner)

Retiring North Cowichan Alderman

County Idea Holds Appeal

NORTH COWICHAN—government and local government should be a government of people and for people—where the individual counts." Ald. Whittaker expressed regret that resignation from council automatically means his resignation from Cowichan Valley Regional Board.

"I think this concept of regional boards is a very exciting development and I think on our board there are some remarkable people," he said.

Ald. Whittaker, who received his BA degree in political science two years ago, is working on his master's degree. His thesis will deal with a study of the county system as it would apply to the area. It will take two years to complete the thesis.

Ald. Whittaker said he had discovered that it would be good to have the regional board serve eventually as a comprehensive county authority which would eliminate several local government bodies.

He claims that it would save a lot of money and solve problems "without buck-passing."

Ald. Whittaker said that even with a regional board, acting as a comprehensive county authority, values of local government sympathetic to individuals could be maintained.

He indicated that he would return to public service in one or two years after his logging business has been sold.

NEXT SUMMER

And the oil venture? Ald. Whittaker commented: "We hope to drill for oil on our Herd Road property. If we have any luck, we should be deep enough next summer to know whether or not there are any chances of getting oil. We hope to have the rig working by June."

Air Cadets Pay Visit To Norwegian Ship

CROFTON—Members of Cowichan Air Cadets Squadron 744 visited a Norwegian freighter, the *Bos Helt*, at Crofton wharf Sunday.

Ten cadets from Chemainus, Crofton and Duncan and two adults, Capt. J. M. Flanagan and Douglas Haynes were guests aboard the vessel for more than two hours.

The crew was presented with salmon, symbolizing the areas, candy, books and magazines. Arrangements were made by Crofton Harbourmaster E. G. Long and squadron secretary Mrs. Pat Fethko. The cadets decorated a Christmas tree on the freighter and they were served with a tray of Norwegian food.

Centre Vote Planned

COURTENAY—Members of Courtenay Kiwanis Club are to be asked to give their opinions on construction of a recreation centre for the Kiwanis Village housing development.

Their views will be sought in a mail ballot during the next three months.

It has been proposed that the centre should also include a meeting room for the weekly club dinner meetings.

The plan has sparked long discussions at recent meetings and members are divided over the necessity of the project.

The club holds its meetings at present in the Elks' Hall.

Some members wonder whether it is wise to use public money in building new quarters for the club while others feel that village residents are not interested in a recreation building.

Alex Slater, formerly of Aitikokan, Ont., and

a past lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis, who has been transferred to Courtenay, has told a recent meeting that to use public funds for the club's purpose would contravene the organization's international bylaws.

A member, Keith Seale said if that were the case, a vote seemed to be meaningless.

Punch Gernero said he was certain that village citizens did not want the centre.

"We need our own building like we need a hole in the head," he added.

He said the public had fully supported the village, but using public funds in that way, would shatter the 'fine image of the club in the area.'

"We should put any money we have on the work we stand for," said John Zacharias.

A sing-song was led by Les Ross, with Dave Arnett at the piano. Caterer Dorothy Sundin was thanked "for looking after us" during the year.

Salt Spring Pioneers

Christmas Was Homely

By BEA HAMILTON

FULFORD—The first Christmas tree on Salt Spring Island found a spot in a humble log cabin in the north end during December, 1857.

It was probably cut by Hiram Whims, the youngest of nine Negroes who ventured into the wilderness to cut the first trails which were to lead to the settlement of the island.

Although that first tree would have had few trimmings—just some homemade articles—it would have brought the lonely settlers just the touch of home they needed that first year.

It also probably gave them the courage to face the future with hopes of the longed-for reunion with their loved ones who were still in Mississippi and other parts of the U.S.

The colony kept their Christmas customs—even to making their own candles with tallow.

The small candles, though they would have sent shivers along the fire marsh's spine, brightened many an old-time Christmas tree without accident.

Carols were sung around the fireplace and often meals were cooked over hot cinders. Eventually the Christmas tree found its way into the fire after the festive season so nothing was wasted.

The pioneer's Christmas, with its warmth and devotion, brought the spirit of the Christ Child into each home. Today it is much the same, although instead of one lone Christmas tree on the island, there must be between 1,000 and 2,000 trees, all lit with modern colored lights.

This year people from far away are spending Christmas on the island, some for the first time.

A descendant of the first Negro colony, Mrs. Louis Riley of Redbank, New Jersey, arrived last week with her nephew Oscar Wallace who met her in Vancouver.

At The Hundred Hills, home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kirk, are their daughter Judy and son-in-law, Roy Carr-Hartley, and their two children. They left their home in Kenya where Mr.

Carr-Hartley is a member of a firm which handles animals such as rhinoceros, buffalo, and lions for safaris. It also helps with making films and obtaining animals for zoos.

Christmas will also be different for Sir Philip and Lady Livingston, for they recently left the island to live at Maple Bay where Sir Philip lived before taking up his medical studies.

Duncan Couple's Long Service

Family Makes Music For Island Pleasure

By KLAUS MUENTER

DUNCAN—For more than 30 years, Wallace Carter and his wife, Katharine, have provided musical entertainment for many Vancouver Island residents.

They met while playing in the same band in the Courtenay area and they passed on their musical talent, not only to their son, Alf, 22, and daughters, Karen Lonsdale, 27, and Barbara Stewart, 25, but to many young people in Ladysmith and Duncan.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lonsdale come from musical families.

EARLY AGE

Mr. Lonsdale was born on Texado Island but moved to Courtenay at an early age. He started to play the violin when he was six and later became an accomplished artist on the piano accordion and wind instruments.

His Union Bay-born wife studied the piano and organ when she was young.

It is with pride that Mrs. Carter recalls that her father's cousin was English comedian

George Formby who, for many years, made the world laugh.

When Mr. and Mrs. Carter moved to Ladysmith in 1951, he started a group, the Western Canadians, which became a frequently booked group of 32 young musicians, singers and dancers.

It was formed accidentally.

Mr. Carter, who drove logging trucks for the Comox, Logging and Railway Co., was asked to help a struggling high school band. The enthusiasm of the young people proved contagious, he says.

He became the leader and the band travelled in a bus supplied by Mr. Carter's employer.

MANY CONCEPTS

They went to many concerts north and west of Ladysmith and "brought the house down" wherever they went.

"We did it for the fun of it," he said, "We certainly did not do it for profit and many times we had to pull out of our own pockets to meet all expenses."

Money was given to charity as a result of the concerts on many occasions.

That band, and others, beginning at Courtenay have a successor.

SHOWBOAT FIVE

The family tradition is being continued by their children, Alf and Karen, with the Showboat Five which is booked for the whole of next year in many island centres, including Victoria.

Other artists with the group include singer Alan Vance, of Lake Cowichan, Gary Weismiller of Duncan and Fran Savory of Ladysmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter also founded the 48ers Club to teach square dancing to 90 children.

The group's practice started on a Ladysmith street which, with permission of council, was blocked off, said Mr. Carter.

From a small beginning, the Carter studio has grown into a teaching staff of eight which instructs 300 students in string, brass, reed instruments, percussion, organ and piano.



SPENDING CHRISTMAS away from Salt Spring Island are Sir Philip and Lady Livingston who have moved to Maple Bay. Sir Philip lived in latter area in his younger days.—(Bea Hamilton)

Duncan Clubs Prepare Beanstalk Play

By DONNA CLEMENTS

DUNCAN—Anticipation and excitement was the setting Friday for the first full dress rehearsal of Duncan musical and dramatic club's pantomime production of Jack and Beanstalk.

The pantomime will be presented at the Cowichan High School auditorium Jan. 2 and Jan. 4.

At the dress rehearsal, makeup crew members perfected the techniques they are using to transform men into women and women into men—a traditional pantomime switch.

Jack is being played by Glenda Gold, while Miss Prim 'n Proper will be portrayed by Harold Proctor.

In the photos, Peter Pumpkin Eater and Little Boy Blue find there's plenty of room in the Giant's chair, left.

A pair of bovine performers, centre, try out their parts. They are Charabelle, played by Mrs. Sheila Owen and Ferdinand the Bull, played by Ricky Sharp, in a romance scene.

Two Castle Creeps look as frightening as they can, right. The gruesome twosome are Ralph Fraser and Ross McCauley.



Cumberland Decision On Schools Deferred

Port Alberni

Puddles, Patches Growing

PORT ALBERNI—Citizens who are disgusted with the spreading puddles, potholes and patches on Lower Third Avenue should take their complaints directly to the highways department.

The section of Third Avenue between Redford and Kingsway is part of the provincial highways system, and reconstruction has been promised for almost four years by the department.

Each year, city council has allotted its share of the funds, and each year the province has promised the highways share would be in the following year's budget. The weekend's heavy snowfall, followed by more than two inches of rain on Monday, created large pools through which cars splashed and sprayed, to the annoyance of drivers and pedestrians.

CITY'S OWN PROBLEMS

City works officials said that during all previous heavy down pours, they have assigned crews to the section to try and keep catch basins open, and keep hazards to a minimum.

However every available city works employee was on duty day and night to cope with the city's own problems.

"We have had to tell people to take their complaints direct to the Department of Highways. We simply don't have the men to continue to try and cope with a problem which rightfully belongs to the department," a spokesman said.

If half the people who complain to the city works department are angry enough to relay the call to the department, there may be definite action, as promised earlier this year.

COURTENAY — Any decision regarding the future of Cumberland schools has been deferred for a period of one year, it was decided this week when school trustees met for the last regular meeting of 1968.

The move followed a wordy battle between Cumberland village officials and the school board over a suggested proposal to move the junior high school students to Courtenay, thereby leaving the new junior high school available for elementary pupils and eliminating the necessity of construction of a new school in Cumberland.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Four public meetings were held to discuss the matter, meetings were held by both parties with education department officials, and finally a public opinion ballot was sent out by school trustees.

The ballot was to have been returned to the school board office by Dec. 17 but no report on the poll was given at the board meeting this week.

The board agreed that any increased school facilities required by the elementary school in the next year would be provided by portable classrooms.

SECTIONS DELETED

The resolution put forth to pass the action contained four clauses which began with the word "whereas." These sections were finally deleted after they were questioned by retiring trustees Eric Haffenson, incumbent Norm Siefert and retiring trustee Winifred Buchanan.

The school board will also ask Cumberland to do site development on a contract basis for funds available in two referenda in the sum of \$4,800.

WIDE ESTIMATE GAP

Site development costs had also been a subject of controversy between the two parties with board maintenance supervisor Stan Rowe estimating the cost at nearly \$25,000 and Associated Engineering Services Ltd. placing their estimate at \$5,000.

Newly-elected trustees Doug Sankey and Ruth McKellar were introduced to the meeting and Chairman T. G. Ryan expressed his thanks to the board for its efforts in the past year, in what he termed "these troublesome times."

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Row Boat Trip Ends Half Way

ALERT BAY (CP) — Charlie Williams, missing since Saturday when he left Gifford Island near Mr. Williams. He was later for Alert Bay in a 15-foot row boat, was found safe and well Tuesday.

A rescue co-ordination centre spokesman said Mr. Williams had landed on Foster Island because of bad weather and was resuming his journey when he was sighted Tuesday.

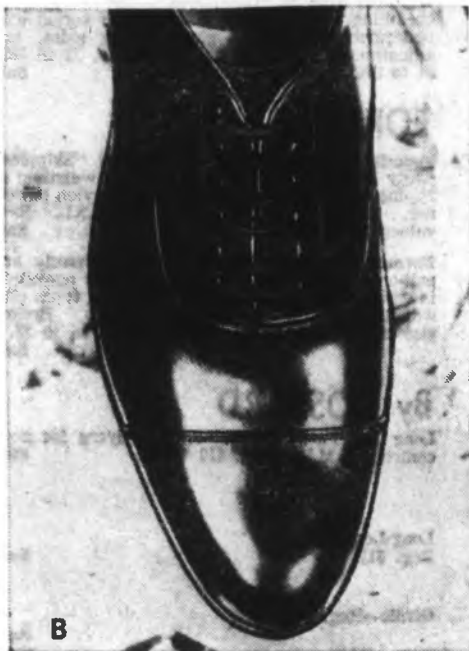
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Manitoba Skies Sunny
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By THE CANADIAN PRESS
It will be a white Christmas for most Canadians this year, but in some areas the snow may be pretty scanty. In southern areas on the east and west coasts the ground will be bare.

Northern and western Newfoundland, where it has snowed several days this month, are expected to get another heavy fall overnight.

But southern and eastern areas of the island province can expect little more than light snow at best, and may get rain, falling on already bare ground. Snowflurries are forecast for overnight in Nova Scotia.

KEEP IT THAT WAY
But it could be a green Christmas for most of southern and central New Brunswick where heavy rain Monday night washed away the snow except in some deeply-blanketed northern sections.

Quebec has been heavily covered in snow for most of December—Montreal has had more than 62 inches in the last six weeks—and snowflurries are forecast to keep it that way. Light snow in Northern Ontario areas and clear, cold weather in the south should ensure snow for most Ontario children.

FROZEN SNOW
But while that snow may be several inches deep in the Ottawa area, Toronto residents cannot expect more than the frozen one or two inches already on the ground from Sunday night's fall.

Sunny skies and below-zero weather are forecast for southern Manitoba but no snow is expected to whiten the dirty dusting of one to two inches now lying on Winnipeg streets.

Saskatchewan and Alberta, already blanketed in snow, may get snowflurries overnight. Temperatures, which fell to 38 below in Lac La Biche, Alta., early Tuesday, are expected to

continue in the sub-zero range, melted the weekend fall on Vancouver Island is expected to cover the British Columbia interior, continue, mixed with some will keep its snow but rain that snow, for Christmas.

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